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—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

A serious reverse suffered by the Italian army is admitted by Official War Bulletin No. 73, issued yesterday, which states that the Italian forces, after stubborn resistance, were compelled to retreat 20 kilometres from Maitmehet, a ford on the River Takazee, about 65 kilometres southwest of Aksum, and to take up a position on the Dembeguina Pass. The attacking Abyssinian forces were estimated at 3,000.

At the same time the Abyssinian troops crossed the river lower down and executed a flanking movement in the district of Shire, where fighting is still in progress, tanks and aeroplanes taking an active part.

The Italian losses during the first encounter are given as four officers and nine soldiers of the home troops killed, and three officers wounded; while several dozen native soldiers were killed and wounded. The enemy losses have not yet been ascertained, but are thought to be considerable.

Addis Ababa: The Emperor of Abyssinia, after having rejected the Franco-British proposals for a settlement of the conflict as not bearing discussion, is now preparing to depart to the northern front, since in his opinion all prospects of an early peace have become very distant.

No operations are reported from either front. The equipment of the army is rapidly becoming better and better through the daily arrivals of large supplies of arms and ammunition. Red Cross detachments and field hospitals are also being despatched as quickly as possible to both fronts.

Asmara: The Ethiopian attack, the success of which has been admitted in an Italian war communiqué, was a masterpiece of their own methods of warfare. Taking advantage of clouds obscuring the moon the Ethiopians forced the river at 2 a.m. and took up attacking positions on the right bank, and at 4 a.m. charged the outposts of the Italian second army corps, who were surprised.

Machine-gun fire temporarily checked the Ethiopians, but the Ethiopian main body now crossed the river as openly as possible in order to draw the Italian fire and divert attention from the other Ethiopian movement. In the zone of fire forward Italian block houses had to be abandoned, and

These are believed to include the cession of Asmah with a corridor to Abyssinia, and the Abyssinian retention of Aksum; while the Italians would also like the colonisation zone in South Abyssinia to be extended to the Sudan frontier; and Italy may ask for special economic facilities in Harar province. —Reuter.

**POURPARLERS
CONTINUED**

**Dramatic Meetings
In Rome**

AMBASSADORS RECEIVED

—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

The dramatic pourparlers occasioned by the Paris peace proposals were continued here yesterday, when the Secretary of State, Signor Savio, conferred with the British Ambassador after having on the preceding day received the French Ambassador for a lengthy talk.

It is officially stated that these conversations, as well as the somewhat underlined by the Italian diplomatic representatives

PEACE PROPOSALS CONDEMNED

VOTE OF CENSURE BY LABOUR PARTY

FIGHTING SPEECH EXPECTED FROM SIR S. HOARE

London, To-day.

The vote of censure tabled by the Parliamentary Labour Party for to-morrow's debate runs as follows: "That the terms put forward by His Majesty's Government as a basis for an Italo-Abyssinian settlement reward the declared aggressor at the expense of the victim, destroy collective security and conflict with the expressed will of the country and the Covenant of the League of Nations, to the support of which the honour of Britain is pledged; the House therefore demands that these terms be immediately repudiated." Major Attlee is the mover.

Prior to framing the above the National Council of Labour, representing the Trades Union Congress, the Labour Party and the Parliamentary Labour Party, passed a resolution emphatically condemning the peace proposals, and calling on the League effectively to apply the sanctions policy and to refuse to recognise the invasion or conquest of any part of Abyssinia as a basis of settlement.

A fighting speech is expected from Sir Samuel Hoare when he opens to-morrow's debate. Mr. Baldwin will up and demand a vote of confidence, but this will not be taken as a vote in favour of the peace proposals themselves.

OUR CHRISTMAS SUPPLEMENT

32-PAGE EXTRA FOR FESTIVE SEASON

LITERARY XMAS PUDDING

To-day we are giving our readers a 32-page Supplement of mixed Christmas fare. Beginning with Messages from Bishop Hall, Father Byrne, S.J., and the Rev. J. R. Higgs, the Supplement contains a charming fantasy of a Hong Kong dream inspired by the willow-pattern plates, a long story by Doreen Suttie called "Unconditional Surrender" in which love gets mixed up with a pearl necklace and a crook, a short story by Harold Mercer, and a story of rough sailing ship days called "The Fighting Steward." Christmas is described as it is celebrated in Sweden, Hungary, and South Africa, and "Toyland" is pictured, and there is a corner for the children.

Other stories are "The Way of a Sailor" by Patricia Thompson, "The Two Promises" by R. D. Wethercote, and "Cats and Cabages" by John Wordsworth. "Mixed together," as they say in recipes for the Christmas Pudding, "with cartoons, illustrations, and quips," this Supplement again provides exclusive Christmas fare for our readers.

RAILWAY FARES BY INSTALMENTS

Ingenious Scheme In England

London, To-day.

An ingenious scheme for the payments of railway fares by instalments is announced by two of the main line railways. The booking office will sell shilling "save-to-travel" stamps. A card of 10 such stamps can be exchanged for a 10s. voucher, which will bear interest, so that in six months it will be worth 10/3d. The vouchers and stamped cards may be used at any time for the purchase of all descriptions of single or return tickets, except season tickets. —British Wireless Service.

With regard to the proceedings at Geneva to-day Mr. Anthony Eden may elect to adhere to the line that the peace proposals are not intended to be imposed on either of the parties, but are put forward merely as a basis for discussion, and that no attempt will be made to push them further than they are acceptable to the League.

On the other hand it is anticipated that Mr. Eden will repeat Britain's well-known willingness to take measures to ensure the success of any collective action decided on by the League.

LAVAL'S DEMAND

Paris: M. Laval will insist on a vote of confidence this afternoon before going to Geneva. The Radical-Socialist Party is meeting to decide whether to change its policy of support for M. Laval. —Reuter.

NAVAL PARLEY IN LONDON

SOME NEW GROUND BROKEN

BRITISH PROPOSALS

London, To-day.

New ground was broken at the Naval Conference when Lord Monnell, First Lord of the Admiralty, introduced a proposal inviting the Powers to state what tonnage they contemplate constructing in the next few years. Behind the proposal is the idea that any eventual treaty should contain a clause recognising the right of all the signatories to equality and security, and to possess the measure of armaments necessary for the national security.

No actual figures will be mentioned therein, but unilateral declarations containing the tonnage to be annexed, as a less formal undertaking than a treaty itself. Thus individual countries will not sacrifice their status by agreeing to build lower tonnages than others.

How far the annexes will be made a contractual obligation depends on the support accorded to the British proposals. It is understood that the United States is strongly in favour of the annexes being made definitely contractual, and it is expected that they will suggest an escalator clause designed to maintain the present ratio. —Reuter.

ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR FRENCH PREMIER

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN CHAMBER

Paris, To-day.

After a lively session, in the course of which the Laval-Hoare peace scheme was subjected to trenchant criticism by Left-wing orators, M. Laval once more emerged with flying colours when the Socialist motion to fix December 20 as the date for the debate on the foreign political questions—instead of December 27, as suggested by the Premier—was defeated in the Chamber by 306 votes to 252 yesterday afternoon, after M. Laval had put a question of confidence.

In the course of the debate the Socialist M. Leon Blum led the attack, while M. Pierre Cot, leader of the Left wing of the Radical-Socialist Party, strongly supported the Socialist motion.

M. Laval stressed in a short rejoinder that he would not go to Geneva under humiliating circumstances. If his opponents considered his policy to be dangerous they should take their choice at once and not wait till December 27.

The Premier also took the opportunity of refuting the rumour that Britain had promised Italy a loan in case the latter should accept the peace proposals.

It was announced subsequently that Mr. Eden departed for Geneva yesterday afternoon. According to press reports he was given instructions that the Paris proposals are not inviolable, and that the British Government would leave it to the League of Nations to decide their fate. —Trans-Ocean Service.

**SUPER LINER
FOR U.S.A.**

Vessel To Replace "Leviathan"

Washington, To-day.

The signature of a contract to construct a super-liner to replace the Leviathan at a cost of \$11,900,000,000, is confirmed by Mr. Daniel C. Roper, Secretary for Commerce. The contract was signed by the United States Lines and the Newport-News Shipbuilding Co., but is effective only when Mr. Roper has approved it and on application for the construction loan.

The Federal Government is permitted to lend up to 70 per cent of the construction cost. —Reuter.

DUBLIN RUGBY WIN

London, To-day. —Playing at home yesterday, Dublin University defeated Cambridge University by 15 points to 9 in their annual Rugby encounter. —Reuter.



Nahas Pasha (above) is the leader of the Nationalist Party whose members have been largely responsible for the recent outbreaks in Cairo protesting British domination.

HOPEI-CHAHAR COUNCIL

INAUGURATED IN SECRECY

DEMONSTRATIONS FEARED

Peiping, To-day.

Apparently for fear of student demonstrations if a preliminary announcement was made, the Hopei-Chahar Council was inaugurated this morning in great secrecy at 8 o'clock, the ceremony lasting 45 minutes. All the members were present, with the exception of Messrs. Chow Tso-min, Wang Keb-kin and Cheng Keh.

THREE PRINCIPLES

General Sung Cheh-yuan, addressing the members, said that the Central Government, with a view to facilitating the administration of Hopei and Chahar, had established the Council to handle all political and administrative affairs. The members are all well-known men for whom he had the highest esteem.

General Sung

outlined the three principles on which he intends to run the Council: first, district reforms and appointments must be based on the will of the people; secondly, officials must share the adversity as well as the happiness of the people, and honesty must be emphasised in the administration; thirdly, friendly relations will be promoted with neighbouring countries in accordance with the mandate of the Government.

General Sung referred to the special situation existing here since the Tangku armistice agreement and emphasised the need for keeping on friendly terms with Japan. He also dwelt on the need for reviving the traditional virtues of China, exterminating the Communists and developing and spreading Oriental culture.

SUPPORT ASSURED

Mr. Li Ting-yu responded congratulating General Sung and assuring him of the support of all members. Mr. Chow Chien-sen expressed the hope that the Council will be able to revive the prosperity of Peiping and Tientsin.

There were a number of specially invited guests present, the ceremony taking place in the old Waichiaopu building, which was decorated with Kuo-mintang flags, but no portrait of Sun Yat-sen. A business meeting followed, at which it was decided that the Council should meet weekly on Friday afternoons. A standing committee, consisting of Wang Yitang, Hu Chen and Chu Teli, (Continued on Page 14)

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INWARD-MAILS

FROM EUROPE

Soudan 24
Kashima Maru (Air Mail) 21
Rajputana (via Suez) 20

FROM SHANGHAI

Tantulus 19
Pres. Hoover 19
Hakusan Maru 20
Pres. Hayes 20
Emp. of Japan 20
Asama Maru 21
Naldera 21
Potsdam 21
Pres. Grant 21

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Kashima Maru 21
Tokushima Maru 21
Soudan 21
Toshiba Maru 22
Deccan 22
Tama 22
Titan 23
Rajputana 23

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Hoover 19
Emp. of Japan 20
Pres. Hayes 20
Pres. Grant 21

FROM MANILA

Kamo Maru 19
General Lee 20
Tijikembang 20
Deccan 22

FROM JAPAN

Buenos Aires Maru 18
Pres. Hoover 19
Hakusan Maru 20
Emp. of Japan 20
Pres. Hayes 20
Asama Maru 21
Alipore 21
Atsuta Maru 21
Naldera 21
Pres. Grant 21
Toyama Maru 21

OUTWARD-MAILS

FOR EUROPE

Buenos Aires Maru (Imperial Service) 19
Closes: Reg. 1 p.m. Ord. 1.30 p.m.
Hakusan Maru (via Marseilles) 20
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 6 p.m.
Pres. McKinley (via Siberia) 20
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Kashima Maru (via Siberia) 21

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Buenos Aires Maru 19
Hakusan Maru 20

FOR MANILA

Pres. Hoover 19
Emp. of Japan 20
Pres. Hayes 20
Tijikembang 21

FOR SHANGHAI

Kashima Maru 20
General Lee 20
Pres. McKinley 20

Women's Page

Woman's Radio
Triumph
And Successes In
Other FieldsQueen Of Junkets At The
Agricultural Show

[From Our Own Correspondent]

London, October 31. Radio history has been made by Miss Nellie Corry, a brunette in her 20's who lives at Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey, about 18 miles from London.

She has succeeded in communicating by radio with five continents on a wavelength of only ten metres.

By her feat, Miss Corry has won the coveted "Worked All Continents" certificate issued by the American Radio Relay League and the "Worked-British-Empire" certificate of the Radio Society of Great Britain. She is the first ever to have earned the awards by using such a low wavelength. Previously the ten-metre wave band was considered too low to be of practical use for long-distance broadcasting. Now experts are reconsidering their opinion.

What is even more remarkable is that Miss Corry's set is both home made and three years old. Miss Corry built it because there were no low-wave sets on the market suitable for long distance work, in which she wished to pioneer.

Her call signal is G2 YL. The YL stands for "young lady." All conversations were in morse code—and they spread over a period of six hours twenty minutes—between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. During that time Miss Corry spoke with

amateur broadcasters in Assam (India) Maryborough (Australia), Uruguay, London, Algiers and West Palm Beach (Florida).

The broadcaster in Algiers was a Frenchman Miss Corry had met on a cruise recently, while the man transmitting in South America was a Spaniard. He was so impressed that he asked Miss Corry to send him her photograph. "Freak" atmospheric conditions caused by a new cycle of sunspots contributed to Miss Corry's success. Her performance is being accepted as proof that sunspots vitally affect low-wave broadcasting. Mr. John Clarricoats, secretary of the British Amateur Radio Society, describes the achievement as of vital importance to the future of low-wave commercial broadcasting.

Queen Of Junkets
Three women who make farmers "sit up and think" have been winning trophies and titles in London this week at the Royal Agricultural Show.

Mrs. Farmer comes first. She has been unanimously voted "Queen of Junkets." On her honeymoon, just over fifty years ago, her husband, a young Devon farmer, told her of the wonders of junkets, Devonshire's famous dish.

Mrs. Farmer, then quite a young girl, had never tasted a junket. So for her first pudding on the farm which was to be her new home, Mrs. Farmer was given a junket. One test was enough. Mrs. Farmer thought she had never had anything so watery and bitter.

But she saw great possibilities in junket as a dish. So she began experimenting. For ten years she tried—and then she stumbled on a secret which gives her junkets a delicious firmness and a most attractively delicate flavour.

At the Agricultural Show this year, she celebrated her 50th anniversary of junket making by preparing a special bowl of junkets for the judges and officials at the Show.

Younger "Star"
Another, and much younger "star," is Miss J. D. Matthews of Bowers Farm, Bridstow, Ross-on-Wye.

By beating 24 dairymaids from all parts of the country, she has won the "Desborough" Challenge Cup and silver medal for butter-making at the Show. Last year she was reserve Champion.

All the year round, Miss Matthews works on her father's farm. Her rosy cheeks, sturdy arms and splendid physique seemed like a glimpse of the country itself as she stood over her churn in the judging ring at the Show this year.

Early rising and early to bed



The elaborate shirring on the new gown worn by Ginger Rogers, the famous screen actress, gives one an idea of what to expect in the new style range. The tunic of the ensemble is of steel blue taffeta, with sleeves and collar shirred in a smart and original pattern.

are the rule on her father's farm—but Miss Matthews says she would not work in a city for all the money in the world.

"Maid Of Junkets"

The third woman honoured at the Show is 24-year-old Miss J. M. Bickley of Sidbury, Devon. If veteran Mrs. Farmer is "Queen of Junkets," she is certainly Britain's "Maid Of Junkets" for she has won the Daily Mail challenge bowl and silver medal for junket making.

Miss Bickley works on her mother's farm. While at school, she studied farming scientifically. Although only 24, her knowledge and experience are already renowned in Devon.

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MILITARY STYLE SHOES

Shoes have joined the parade of military fashions, with high cut lines, broad straps, yards of braid and such soldierly colours as Burgundy red, marine blue, Araby green, rust and ginger. An interpretation of the military mode is a Burgundy red kidskin shoe which fastens over the instep with laced straps, and is decorated with gold buttons. Another square toed model of green kidskin features square gilt eyelets and braid trim.

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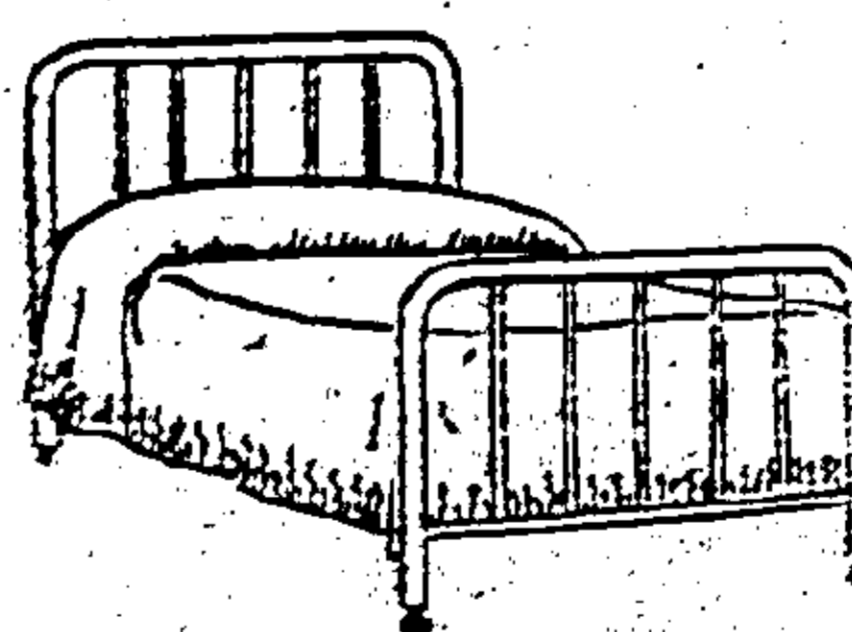


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IS THE AEROPLANE SUPREME?

(Continued from Page 6.)

This does not mean that surface ships are obsolete. There are ranges of the oceans which shore-based aircraft cannot reach. There protection for merchant shipping must be provided by surface ships equipped with aircraft. There are coastlines and rivers of the world that must still be patrolled by surface ships. Thus surface ships are still required, but they must be heavily armed with aircraft. Ours are not.

Vulnerable To-day our Fleet is concentrated in the Mediterranean. What would it do if war broke out? Around it lie shore-based aircraft within striking range of its every movement, within range of its every harbour. What would happen if it had to defend itself against attack from the air?

It could be attacked both in harbour and at sea. Such attacks could be delivered by bombing aeroplanes capable of speeds up to 248 miles an hour. Attacks would be made with heavy bombs, such as have sunk battleships in trial tests by American bombing planes, and with thermite or elite bombs. Thermite and elite burn at a temperature around 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

We know of no substance that will extinguish them. Their blinding heat can burn through steel. Thermite bombs are small, from 6oz. to 20 lb. in weight. They could be dropped in showers upon the steel decks, like demoniac hailstones, from a height beyond the range of guns. They might fire the magazines, and burning elite, in contact with water, gives off a poisonous gas. Heavy bombs would penetrate the weakened decks or detonate in the water, alongside.

What answer can the Navy make? Its total complement of front-line aeroplanes is 171. It has no bombers comparable in speed, range, or carrying capacity with those I have just mentioned.

Supreme Protection

Ground forces could be attacked with light and heavy high-explosive and shrapnel bombs by modern high-speed bombers. A rain of small thermite or elite bombs would scorch the troops to death. And for the laying of gas there is no more efficient instrument than the aeroplane, which can spread a fine rain of poisonous liquid, rapidly contaminating a large area with death-dealing gas.

It is time to get our perspective right. How much longer must we remain as we are to-day, seventh air power in the world, fifth in Europe? How much longer must we witness other nations building heavy bombers faster than ours, with a speed equal to and higher than that of our fighters? The expansion of the Air Force so far authorised will not rectify that position by April 1937.

Make no mistake, times have changed. The aeroplane is supreme among the striking forces in the world to-day. The British Navy must have more aeroplanes to give it hitting power. To-day, lacking the protecting shadow of the wings that are supreme, it risks a second Coronel.

BRIDGE NOTES

LAYDOWN SLAM

By Ely Culbertson

Most slam hands should be played in a suit rather than in notrump, in order that tricks may be developed by ruffing. The hand below, however, was played in notrump rather than at six clubs because North was anxious to have the opening lead come up to the strong South hand.

South Dealer North-South vulnerable

North: S-9 H-K J 8 3 D-3 2 C-K Q J 8 7 4

West: S-J 5 4 H-10 9 4 2 D-A Q 5 C-10 6 5

East: S-Q 10 7 3 H-7 6 D-10 8 6 4 C-9 3 2

South: S-A K 8 6 2 H-A Q 5 D-K J 9 7 C-A

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)

South West North East 1S Pass 2C Pass 3D(1) Pass 3H(2) Pass 4NT(3) Pass 5C Pass 5H(4) Pass 6NT(5) Pass

1-With more than five honour-tricks, South feels sure, after his partner has responded to the opening bid, that a game can be made.

2-A rebid of the club suit would push mere routine too far. The cheap opportunity to show the four-card heart holding should not be spurned.

3-The immediate bid of four notrump is excellent. It avoids a pitfall. Were South to show his preference for hearts, or rebid his spades, with notrump, and if the final contract was notrump, an opening lead through the diamond holding might be fatal. It is imperative that the notrump contract be played by the South.

4-After North's weak response to the four-notrump bid, South can do no better than to show his preference of North's two suits and leave the rest to North.

5-A very fine bid, based on the natural inferences from South's leap to four notrump. South could scarcely make this bid without at least three Aces and without strong support for one or both of North's suits. North has no hesitation in going to a slam and he naturally chooses a notrump contract to protect the possible tenace holdings in spades and diamonds in the South hand.

Of course, the Slam was a laydown, as there were 12 top tricks without a finesse—six in clubs, four in hearts and two in spades. If the hand had been played at six clubs, East might have opened a diamond. In this case West would have taken the setting tricks before North could get the lead.

ROTARY MEETING

Prof. Shellshear On Origin Of Man

At yesterday's tiffin meeting of the local Rotary Club, held in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel, Professor J. L. Shellshear, in the course of an intensely interesting address on "Recent Discoveries in Relation to the Evolution of Man," said that the centre of research in this line was gradually shifting to the Far East.

The speaker was introduced by Professor L. Forster, President of the Club, who said that Professor Shellshear was leaving the Colony shortly for Australia. During his stay in Hong Kong, he had done valuable archaeological and research work in conjunction with leading authorities.

Among the guests present were Dr. Cecil Robertson, Shanghai; Mr. Wilson, Foochow; Mr. H. T. White and Mr. A. T. T. T.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"DIAMOND JIM" KING'S THEATRE

"Diamond Jim," the glittering screen play based on the life of James Buchanan Brady, the first of the super-salesmen, the man who made the gay "nineties" gay, opens to-day, at the King's Theatre.

"Diamond Jim" is the man who wore \$2,000,000 in jewels; who offered Lillian Russell \$1,000,000 to marry him; who made a fortune of \$12,000,000 from a start of \$31; and who gave millions to charity and friends, and steel cars to America.

You will see Edward Arnold, of "Sadie McKee" fame, as "Diamond Jim"; Jean Arthur, beautiful Rinnie Barnes as "Lillian Russell"; Cesar Romero, Hugh O'Connell, George Sidney, Eric Blore, Robert McWade and a host of others, including Bill Hoolahan as John L. Sullivan, the famous heavyweight of the period.

"PEOPLE WILL TALK" QUEEN'S THEATRE

The team who kept you laughing throughout "Buggles of Red Gap" and "Pursuit of Happiness" are together again in "People Will Talk."

They have a brand of humour that is all their own, just as Laurel and Hardy and Wheeler and Woolsey have. Their special preserves are domestic manners and marital disagreements, and they are funnier this time than they have ever been before. This picture is of a suburban couple, and Buggles and Miss Boland interpret their parts so well as to be recognisable to all.

"DEATH FLIES EAST" ALHAMBRA THEATRE

The shroud of mystery that cloaks a murder in a speeding continental plane provides the melodramatic theme of Columbia's new mystery drama, "Death Flies East."

The story concerns a young California nurse, paroled on a poisoning charge, who rushes east by plane to obtain a confession from a Sing Sing convict, doomed to die the following day, which is certain to clear her. At Tucson two strange men join the motley passenger group.

Arriving in Dallas one of the passengers collapses and is found to have been poisoned. He is sent to a local hospital and the plane continues without him. After a few hours in the air however, a detective on an unknown mission is found dead-poisoned. The plane returns to Dallas and the young nurse is suspected because of her record and because she has violated the California parole by leaving the state.

Conrad Nagel, featured as a young professor en route to Washington with secret documents, interests himself in the young girl's predicament. By a clever ruse, he is able to clear her and trick the murderer into a confession.

"FOG OVER FRISCO" ORIENTAL THEATRE

Bette Davis, who was told that she had no "sex-appeal" when she first tried to enter films, puts the lie to this belief with her performance in "Fog Over Frisco," the current attraction at the Oriental.

The story is high-powered, the dialogue good, and the humour crisp and breezy, and Miss Davis carries the whole show on her pretty shoulders. She is cast as "Frisco Arline, the queen of the San Francisco waterfront, who rules with such an inflexible whip that even her smile can mean death.

"THE COUNTESS OF MONTE CRISTO" STAR THEATRE

Fay Wray as a little movie extra girl, and Paul Lukas, with his ever charming accent and continental manners, as a polished gentleman crook, combine to make a love team of unusual feeling and action in "The Countess of Monte Cristo."

The supporting cast includes Patsy Kelly as Miss Wray's humorous little side kick; Paul Page as her juvenile lover; Raymond Owen, John Sheehan, Robert McWade, and Carmel Myers—beautiful scenes are displayed.



Grace Moore and Tullio Carminati are in "One Night of Love" to be screened at the Star Theatre next Saturday.

SANITARY BOARD

Restricted Area For Offensive Trades

LICENCES REFUSED

A letter from the Government, signifying the withdrawal of the motion by the Legislative Council dealing with a further amendment to the by-laws made under the heading "Markets," set forth in Schedule B of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, was laid on the table at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday.

Mr. W. J. Carrie, President of the Board, said that the by-laws would not come into force until after January 1, 1936, after which date the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance will be repealed and the by-laws re-made.

An application for an offensive trade licence to store sharks' fins at No. 36, Nanchang Street, second floor, was refused. Mr. Carrie said that the Selection Committee had unanimously agreed to refuse the application, with the Board agreeing. He further said that the Board had agreed to refuse all applications made outside the area of offensive trades.

Present at the meeting were Mr. W. J. Carrie (President), the Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson (Vice-President), Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Dr. E. A. de Castro Basto, Dr. Li Shu-fun, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary), and Mr. Im Ping-tseung (Assistant Secretary).

CHINESE GUNBOAT LAUNCHED

To-Kwa-Wan Ceremony This Morning

The launching ceremony took place this morning at 9 o'clock of the Canton Government's small gunboat Hoi Chow at the Hong Kong, China Dock Co., Ltd., at To-Kwa-wan.

The new vessel, which is 135 feet long and 19½ feet wide, has taken six months to build.

NEW P. & O. LINER'S RECORD

The new P. and O. liner Strathmore (24,000 tons) made the passage from Marseilles to Bombay, on her maiden voyage, in exactly 10 days. She thus regained the record from the Italian line, whose best time was 11 days for the run, from Genoa to Bombay, this distance being 100 miles shorter.

Passengers in the Strathmore sent a congratulatory cable-gram to the company on arrival at Bombay.

"ROBERTA" MAJESTIC THEATRE

One of the most popular musicals of the year, featuring the dancing wonders, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, "Roberta" is now being screened at the Majestic Theatre.

Irene Dunne has the principal singing role. She is manageress of the famous Parisian gown centre, Roberta's, while Miss Rogers is a bogus countess. Fred Astaire is the director of a dance band looking for an engagement in the pay city. In addition to the many songs and dance bits, countless beautiful scenes are displayed.

GOVERNOR SHOWS GRATITUDE

Letter Of Thanks To Sir H. Pollock

HIS EXCELLENCY ADMIRES SKILLED CRAFTSMANSHIP

The following letter has been received by Sir Henry Pollock from the Honourable Colonial Secretary, Sir Thomas Southern: "Sir—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to convey to you personally, and through you, to the members of the Public Reception Committee and the people of Hong Kong and in particular to Sir William Sheaton, the Chairman of the Reception Sub-Committee, His Excellency's most sincere thanks for the warm welcome accorded to him on the occasion of his arrival in the Colony."

His Excellency has received with very much pleasure the English and Chinese copies of the Address of Welcome and in thanking you for them he wishes to express his admiration for the skilled craftsmanship which adorned both the addresses and the handsome casket in which they were contained.

His Excellency further desires me to convey to yourself and to the other Members of the Committee his appreciation of the excellent arrangements, and the able manner in which they were carried out, at the ceremony of the presentation of the Addresses of Welcome at Volunteer Headquarters.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, W. T. Southern, Colonial Secretary.

FRENCH ADMIRAL'S Tiffin Party

Entertainment Prior To Sailing

GOVERNOR VISITS FLAGSHIP

Vice-Admiral J. P. Esteve, Commander-in-Chief of the French Fleet in the Far East, entertained a number of distinguished guests aboard his flagship the Primauguet yesterday, preparatory to sailing for Saigon at 11 a.m. to-day.

The Vice-Admiral will embark on the sister ship Lamotte Piquet at Saigon, and will transfer his flag, returning to Hong Kong in about two months time.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, visited the Primauguet yesterday and among others entertained were: H. E. Admiral Sir Frederic Dreyer, C-in-C, and Lady Dreyer, Major-General W. A. Bartholomew, G.O.C. Commodore G. C. and Mrs. Sedgwick, Lady Southern, M. C. Renet, Consul General for France, and Mrs. Bennet; Mr. Van der Straeten, Doyen of the Consular body, Mrs. Van der Straeten; the Hon. Dr. A. R. and Mrs. Wellington; the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, I.G.P.; Sir Robert Ho Tung, Dr. and Mrs. Strahan and Miss Strahan.

"MUSICAL CHAIRS"

Successful Dress Rehearsal

If the success of last night's dress rehearsal is any criterion, the production of Ronald Mackenzie's "Musical Chairs" by the A.D.C. booked for to-night and to-morrow night at the China Fleet Club Theatre, will add yet another to a long list of successes. The dress rehearsal went without a hitch and was eagerly appreciated by a large audience of soldiers and sailors.

A detailed criticism of the production will appear in to-morrow's issue of the China Mail.

SCHOOL PRIZE DAY ENTERTAINMENT

The Holy Spirit School conducted by the M.E. Sisters at 140, Caine Road, held its annual prize distribution at St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road, yesterday afternoon. The occasion was marked by a short programme including a Chinese play, "The Homeless Artist," by girls of the intermediate classes; Mother Goose and tableaux.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station ZBW, on a wavelength of 365 metres. (845 K.C.s.)

A LITTLE ABOUT THE DUTCH EAST INDIES

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme. 12.30 p.m.—Recorded Music. 1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.15 p.m.—Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra. 1.30 p.m.—Radio Press Bulletin. 2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme. 7-11 p.m.—European Programme. 7-7.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Light Opera and Musical Comedy.

Selection—Trial by Jury (Sullivan). Vocal Gems—Jolly Roger.

Selection—Glamorous Night. Vocal Gems—Sweet Adeline. 7.30-8 p.m.—From the Studio.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report. 8.05-8.10 p.m.—Indian Love Lyrics (Woodford-Finden).

8.10-8.40 p.m.—From the Studio. Selections by "The Music Makers." 8.40-9 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Wine, Women and Song (Strauss). Moonlight on the Alster (Petras). The Merry Widow (Lehar). Count of Luxembourg (Lehar). Amorette (Gong'li).

9-9.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Davenport News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter). 9.15-9.40 p.m.—Variety.

Piano Solos—Sweet Adeline. Arthur Young and Reginald Forester.

Song—One Night of Love. Master Robert Harris. (Boy Soprano).

Organ Solo—The Blue Danube Waltz. Reginald Poort. Vocal Duet—I've told every little star—Music in the Air—Layton & Johnstone.

Song—You and the Night and the Music. Grace Fields. Guitar Solo—The World is waiting for the Sunrise—Len Filla.

Vocal—Me and the Old Kicks at Home. The Hill Billies. 9.40-10 p.m.—From the Studio. A Piano Solo—Recital by Marina Barotta.

Programme: 1. Liebestraum. 2. Prelude. 3. Nocturne. 4. Prelude. 10 p.m.—Big Ben: Reuter Press Bulletin.

10.10-10.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music. Mozart (Beethoven). Entrance Gavotte ("Mignon") (Thomas).

In the Shadows (Finck). Fairy Tale (Hayken). Through Night to Light (Lankien). Blue Devil's March (Williams). 10.30-11 p.m.—Dance Music.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

ANNUAL MEETING

Local Horticultural Society

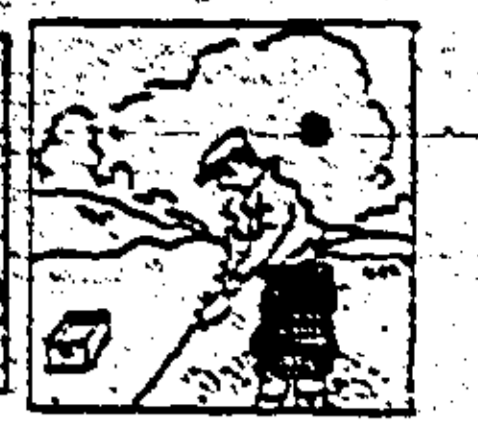
Presiding at the Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society, which was held in the board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., yesterday, Sir William Hornell warned members that the continuance of the loan of the Volunteer Headquarters for the Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables was something on which they could not count indefinitely. Sir William also commented on the falling off of exhibits at the last Show.

Amongst those present were Mr. J. T. Egan (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Andrew (Hon. Treasurer), Lieut. Col. H. B. L. Downbiggin, Mr. E. Green, Mr. J. F. Grose, Mrs. F. C. Hall, Dr. G. A. C. Herkots, Mrs. R. E. Hoare, Mr. V. H. C. Jarrett, Mr. G. G. N. Pinson, Mr. J. P. Robinson (Committee), Lady Southern, Lieut. Col. M. H. Logan, Mr. G. A. Harriman, Mrs. R. Pestonji, Mrs. G. A. C. Herkots, Mr. J. Russell, Mr. H. L. Green, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. H. L. Derrys and Mr. C. B. Johnson.

Riddle impersonated by the little ones, and a Nativity Play enacted by the upper classes. The singing of hymns and carols behind the scenes linked the short scenes.



Sporting Page



ENGLAND'S RUGBY TEAM PROBLEMS FOR ALL-BLACKS GAME



Miss M. Westcott, above, will replace Miss E. Thomson, in the "Y" Ladies' senior Seven-a-Side hockey team in the semi-final round next Saturday.

CORRESPONDENCE

Civilian Hockey Eleven

(To The Editor, "China Mail")

Sir,—Having witnessed all the civilian hockey trials, and as a lover of the game, I crave your courtesy in allowing me space to express my views on the selected players whose names appeared in the local press.

The defence in my opinion is sound except that M. H. Hassan of the Radio should have been in the pivot position with W. Reed on his right, or vice-versa. I think gross injustice will be done if Awtar Singh is not given the centre-forward position. No doubt G. Singh is good, but the display he put up shows that he is only faster than Awtar Singh, otherwise the latter is trickier and has much better ball control.

I commend the following forward line for the selection committee's due consideration, and I hope it is not too late:—

Divett, G. Singh, Awtar Singh, Pinto and Souza. Although Nooy is faster than Souza, he has a tendency to be off-side too often, and his stickwork is not as good as Souza's. Besides Souza and Pinto combine well, and the selectors would do well to select him.

In conclusion I beg to point out that I am not personally acquainted with any of the above players. I am only voicing my opinion as I would like to see the best civilian side turned out against the Services.

E. S. L.



INTERPORT SOCCER DATE FIXED

Chinese Players Who Can Go If Selected

It has now been ascertained that Leung Wing-chin, Lee Kwok-wai, Wong Mei-shun and Tao Kwai-shung will be available if chosen for the Interport game against Shanghai.

There is also a possibility that Lee Wai-tong may also travel north.

The Interport Committee have not been idle and much preliminary work has already been accomplished.

A letter has been received from Shanghai suggesting that the Interport game should be played on Chinese New Year's day, January 24, and stating that Tientsin may also be participating in the series. Shanghai want the Colony team to arrive on January 22.

T. B. LOW QUALIFIES FOR ADAMSON CUP

Returning a card of 85-16-69, T. B. Low qualified for the Adamson Cup (December) at Happy Valley over the week-end. There were 11 other entries.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND SOCCER CLASH

Several Well-Known Players Omitted

KOWLOON APPEAR BETTER BALANCED TEAM

The annual soccer match between the Island and the Mainland will this year be played on the Hong Kong Club ground on New Year's Day, the proceeds of which are in aid of the funds of the Children's Playground Association, in which the President of the Football Association, the Hon. Sir Thomas Southorn, takes a very keen and personal interest.

Owing to the inability of several Chinese players coming from Canton on that day and owing to the end-of-the-year rush at most offices, several well-known players have been omitted, but the two teams are well matched, though Kowloon appear to have the better balanced team.

The Teams

The following are the teams: Island:—Rowlands (Fusiliers), Mak Sui-hon (Athletic) and S. Strange (Club) (Captain); Leung Wing-chin (South China "A"), Morton (Lyceum), Lee Kwok-wai (South China "A"), Baxter (Navy), Ward (St. Joseph's), Elliot (Club), Tabbot (Fusiliers) and Bickford (Club). Reserve:—Lam Tak-ko (South China "B"), Lam Man (South China "A"), Cheuk Shek-kam (South China "B"), Harrison (Fusiliers) and E. Strange (Club).

Mainland:—Boyes (Kowloon), Bowen (Recreio) and C. Pile (Police) (Captain); Bliss (Kowloon), Lawton (East Lancs) and North (Police); T. Pile (Police), Sandford (East Lancs), D. Knox (Kowloon), Ridley (Lyceum) and A. A. Alves (Recreio). Reserve:—Gomes (Recreio), G. White (Kowloon), Eastman (Kowloon), N. Delgado (Recreio) and V. White (Kowloon).

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP TEAMS

FOR SEMI-FINAL ROUND TIES

The following are three of the teams for Semi-Final Rounds of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competitions on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Scotland:—Rodger (Club), Blackburn (Police) and Hill (Club); Gilchrist (Club), Gorman (East Lancs) and Knight (Lyceum); McLeary (East Lancs), Matthews (Stonecutters), D. Knox (Kowloon), Howlett (Engineers) and Forbes (Stonecutters).

Portugal:—R. Marques (Recreio); A. V. Gosano (Recreio) and V. Costa (St. Joseph's); N. Delgado (Recreio), N. Beltrao (Recreio), J. Eims (St. Joseph's), T. Castilho (Recreio), A. Ward (St. Joseph's), B. Gosano (Recreio), J. Gomes (Recreio) and A. A. Alves (Recreio).

China:—Pau Ka-ping; Lee Tin-tung and Tam Kung-pak; Leung Wing-chin, Wong Mei-shun and Lee Kwai-wai; Tao Kwai-shung, Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-tong, Ip Pak-wa and Chan Kwai-liang.

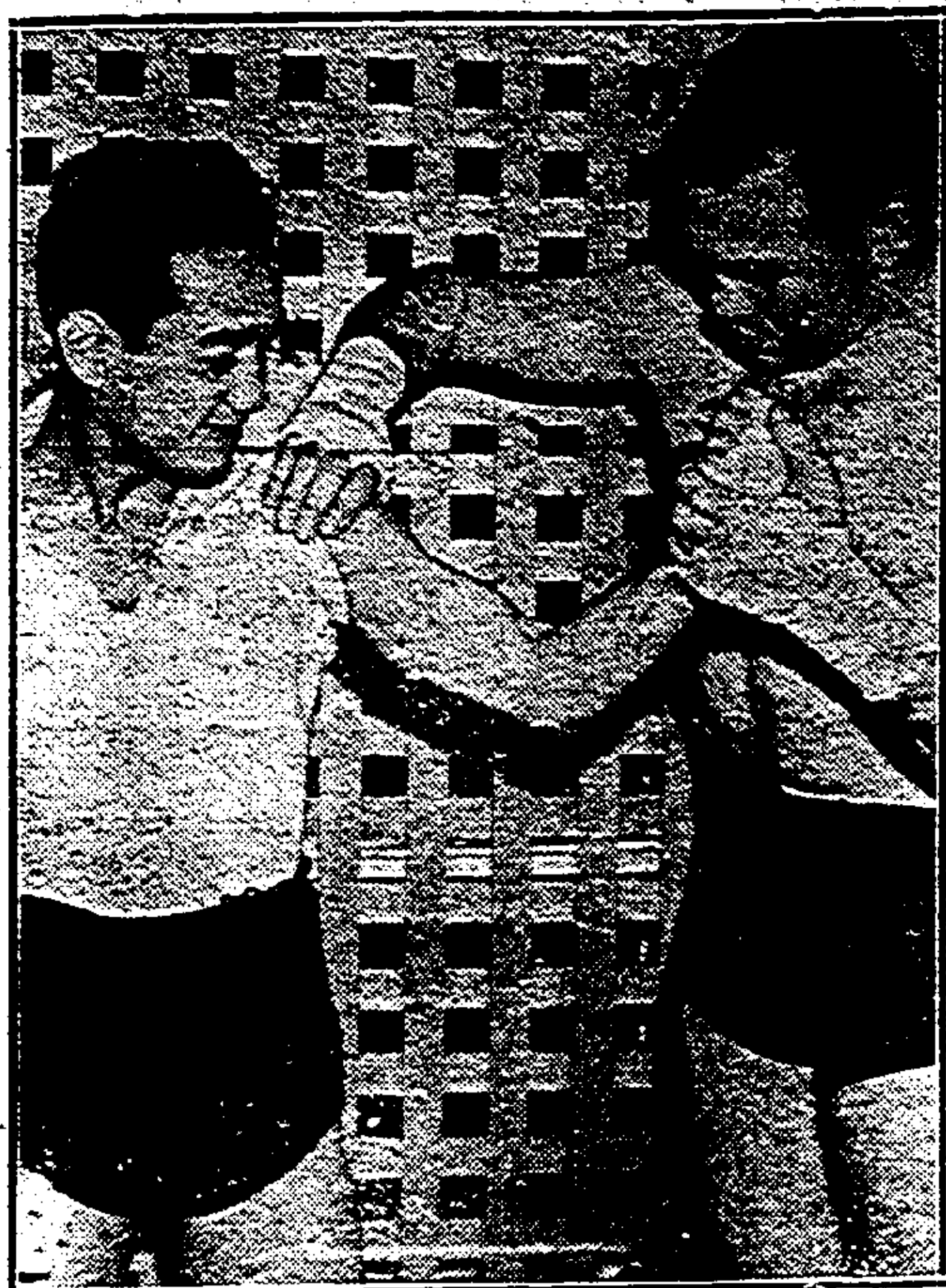
RECORD INTERNATIONAL GATE RECEIPTS

The attendance and receipts for the recent international between Wales and Scotland at Ninian Park, Cardiff, were a record for any football international match in Wales, the attendance being 37,568 and receipts £2,704 11s. 8d.

New Golf Ball With Much Shorter Flight To Be Tested

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD) London, November 21.—Convicted that the modern golf ball goes too far and thereby, is ruining the game, a body at London golfers have decided on an interesting experiment.

I have been invited to make one of 12 players to engage in a match on December 8 against the first six players of Oxford University and the first six of Cambridge



Before his fight with Lou Salica, bantamweight boxing champion of the world, Sixto Escobar, of Puerto Rico, left, was approved by his room-mate Paulino Uzcudun, the Basque wood chopper, who was recently beaten on a T.K.O. decision by Joe Louis, the Detroit sensation, in New York.

HOCKEY CLASSIC TO-DAY

NEW ZEALANDERS TO PLAY IN CANADA

An Additional Match Against The Barbarians

London, November 18.—Engineer-Commander S. F. Cooper, secretary of the New Zealand Tour Committee, states that arrangements have been made by the New Zealand Rugby Football Union for the New Zealanders to play matches in Vancouver on their homeward journey.

The team will leave Liverpool for Canada on Friday, January 10. These arrangements will preclude the tourists extending their trip to allow an additional match with Barbarians.

ADRIAN QUIST'S TRIUMPH

Defeats Crawford For N.S.W. Title

BRILLIANT OVERHEAD PLAY

(By "FAIR FIELD")

London, November 21.—Only the other day I suggested that Adrian Quist, who had a much better record than J. H. Crawford on their recent South African tour, might soon challenge the supremacy of the Australian champion in his own country.

Now the Adelaide player has deprived Crawford of his title in the New South Wales championship at Sydney, which he won by beating Perry in the final last year.

Fine All-rounder

Quist, holder with Crawford of the Wimbledon and French doubles championship, has hitherto shone more brightly in doubles, where his overhead play has often

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TRIANGULAR SERIES MATCH: NAVY V CLUB

Lt. Lane Doubtful Starter

PROBABLE CLUB CHANGES

The third Triangular Hockey Tournament match of the season will take place this afternoon on the Naval ground at King's Park where the Navy will entertain the Hong Kong Hockey Club in their return encounter, having won the first by the only goal of the match.

The Navy are at present in a very strong position for the title, having already two wins to their



Lt. Comdr. Broome, above, will probably be seen in the Navy's full-back division this afternoon against the Club in the Triangular Hockey Tournament match at King's Park.

credit. They recently defeated the Army by the odd goal in five in a brilliant display during which they dominated play throughout. The Navy are likely to field the same team as against the Army, although Lt. Lane, their brilliant right-winger, is a doubtful starter owing to an injury sustained on the Rugby field.

Club's Likely Changes

The Club are likely to make several changes from the team which lost to the Navy on November 20.

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TO-DAY'S JUNIOR SHIELD MATCH

The European Police Football team will meet the Lincolns on the Kowloon Football Club ground to-day at 2.30 p.m. in the Second Round of the Junior Shield Competition.

GADNEY & CRANMER ONLY CERTAINTIES

DIFFICULTIES WHICH SELECTORS MUST MEET

WHAT OF THE HALVES?

(By Howard Marshall)

London, November 20.

NOW that the Scottish selectors have named the men who are to meet New Zealand at Murrayfield next Saturday we begin to think seriously of representative football. The England selectors, no doubt, have been thinking seriously for some time, but I cannot believe that they have come to any very satisfactory conclusions. I am almost tempted to make a small wager with those of my readers who fancy themselves at picking teams.

Almost tempted, but not quite, such is my regard for their sapience and the odd vagaries of fortune. I would be almost prepared, though—caution is strong in me this morning—to eat my travel-stained hat if anyone within the next three days makes a correct forecast of the England team which will play the All Blacks on January 4. And in this handsome offer I include the selectors themselves.

It is, in fact, a very nice problem, this building of an England team. Where, for instance, are our half-backs? C. Slow and B. Gadney, do you suggest? But Slow is crooked, and I am bound to say that before he left the field on Saturday in the Midlands and New Zealand match he had not struck his best form. Gadney certainly comes in at scrum-half, for he appears to be playing as well as ever this year, and his strength is invaluable in the big games.

I wish it were possible to be as confident about the stand-off half. We look at Wales, with C. W. Jones and W. T. H. Davies, and hum the refrain of that song from the Beggar's Opera "How happy could we be with either."

Scotland, too may choose between R. W. Shaw and C. F. Grieve, now playing so well for Oxford. England have not a single player of undoubted international class, though a few names suggest themselves—J. Bowker, W. T. Anderson, J. R. Auty, G. A. Walker of the Air Force, J. A. Tallent and P. Cantlier, with R. Leyland moved up from the centre as a possibility.

Cranmer's Partner
As for the centres, there is P. Cranmer, fortunately in great form again this year, but who shall we have alongside him? Probably Leyland, though there is a most promising London Scottish player, M. C. Lucas, who is qualified to represent England.

And on the wings? H. S. Sever of Sale must be in the running, and E. J. Unwin and G. W. C. Meikle, and then there are old-timers like L. A. Booth and A. C. Harrison. I have a fancy for Harrison. He must be playing reasonably well, for he greatly impressed the All Blacks, and to my mind he has more football in him than all the rest put together. Still, Sever is a fine, strong runner, well worth a trial.

And full-back? There are no great full-backs, if we except H. G. Owen-Smith, who has had cartilage trouble, though he is turning out now. And if we play Owen-Smith again for England, despite his South African origin, is there any reason why we should hesitate before picking A. Bradford, not out.

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PEARCE CUP SENSATION

"Y" LADIES LOSE PIVOT THROUGH PANTOMIME

Junior Team Also Handicapped

NEWCOMERS BROUGHT INTO TEAMS

(By "STICKS") A minor sensation has been caused in ladies' hockey circles as the result of the withdrawal of three members of the "Y" Ladies' Senior and Junior Seven-a-Side hockey teams.

The European Y.M.C.A. are, as is well known, staging a pantomime—Dick Whittington—in which Miss E. Thomson, pivot of the senior team, Miss P. McCaw, pivot of the junior team, and Miss R. Ingram, a junior wing-half, take prominent parts.

Though the Seven-a-Sides were arranged long before the Pantomime, those responsible for the pantomime have shown a surprising disregard for their hockey members and have thus caused general disappointment.

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INTER-HONG PING-PONG

Mercantile Bank Beat A.P.C.

A friendly Ping-pong match between the Mercantile Bank Sports Club and the Asiatic Petroleum Company Sports Club, played last night at the Bank, resulted in a win for the former by 45 games to 27.

Results were:—

R. O'M. Deane (M.B.S.C.)—beat C. C. Pereira 2-0
beat F. X. Silva 2-0
beat J. J. Remedios 1-1
beat P. C. Lok 2-0
beat A. T. Bias 1-1
beat A. J. Bias 2-0
H. Lee (M.B.S.C.)—beat J. J. Remedios 1-1
beat J. J. Remedios 0-2
beat J. J. Remedios 1-1
beat J. J. Remedios 0-2
beat J. J. Remedios 1-1
beat A. J. Bias 2-0
Ng Ping-kai (M.B.S.C.)—beat Pereira 2-0
beat Silva 2-0
beat Remedios 0-2
beat Lok 2-0
beat A. T. Bias 2-0
beat A. J. Bias 2-0
L. M. V. Ribeiro (M.B.S.C.)—beat Pereira 1-1
beat Silva 1-1
beat Remedios 1-1
beat J. J. Remedios 1-1
beat J. J. Remedios 1-1
beat A. J. Bias 1-1
beat A. J. Bias 2-0
beat Pereira 2-0
beat Remedios 0-2
beat Lok 0-2
beat A. T. Bias 1-1
beat A. B. Bias 2-0

AUSTRALIA 429 AT DURBAN

Chippierfield Hits Up 109

Durban, To-day. Continuing their innings yesterday morning, the Australians brought their overnight score of 280 for 4 to 429.

The South Africans had scored 167 for 3 when stumps were drawn. The first Test match ends to-day.

South Africa: 248 and 167 for 3 (Stiddle 58).
Australia: 429 (S. McCabe 148, A. G. Chippierfield 109, W. Brown 66, F. Darling 60, A. B. C. Langston 4 for 113, and P. J. Cribb 4 for 87).—Baxter.

Walter Lindrum And Clark McConachy For England Again

London, November 16.—Walter Lindrum, the Australian billiards player, has set up a new Canadian record by compiling a break of 350 at Vancouver. He thus beat his previous record of 310. The challenge of his young brother, Horace, has been picked up by Joe Davis, for two snooker matches of 61 frames for £100 a side. Davis, the English champion, accepted the challenge with the proviso that each week's play be regarded separately and that Davis concede

seven points start in each game. Recently Lindrum, receiving seven points start in a series of snooker matches following billiards play, defeated Davis by 14 frames to 10.

Walter Lindrum, by the way, and Clark McConachy, after New Zealand, may soon be in England again. Mr. J. C. Bisset, chairman of the Billiards Association and Control Council, has sent a cable inviting the pair to play in the world's snooker championship in London in the spring.

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MEN'S BADMINTON DOUBLES LEAGUE CARD TO-NIGHT

Recreio "B's" Task At Home

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Five games in the Men's Doubles
Badminton League will be played
off this evening. Probably the best
game will be that between Recreio
"B" and Elliot Hall "A" as both
teams are very evenly matched.

The outcome of the match be-
tween the V.R.C. and the Chinese
R.C. is doubtful. St. John's will be
guests to Elliot Hall "B", and here
again the teams are fairly evenly
contested.

To-night's programme is as
follows:
Recreio "B" v. Elliot Hall "A"
Fire Brigade v. St. Andrew's "B"
Elliot Hall "B" v. St. John's
V.R.C. v. Chinese R.C.

TAIKOO WIN AT BADMINTON

Odd Set Victory In Men's Doubles

The Taikoo Recreation Club re-
corded their second victory in the
Men's Doubles Badminton League
last night by defeating the Sal-
lors' and Soldiers' Home by the
odd set in nine at Wanchai.

It is worthy of note that al-
though they were beaten, the Sal-
lors' and Soldiers' Home aggre-
gated a total of 62 aces against
Taikoo's 148.

The results of the game were as
follows:—

A. Edwards and A. R. Brown (S.
and S. Home) . . . 19-21
lost to T. Stainton and J. Rout-
ledge . . . 9-21
lost to C. Summers and A. W.
Norrie . . . 21-15
beat J. Dovey and J. Gammell . . . 21-15
lost to T. Winfield and D. Waylen (S. and
S. Home) . . . 18-21
lost to Stainton and Routledge . . . 20-23
beat Dovey and Gammell . . . 21-0
R. Cullons and J. Heath (S. and S.
Home) . . . 19-21
lost to Stainton and Routledge . . . 21-23
beat Summers and Norrie . . . 21-11

League Table To Date

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
St. Andrew's "A"	4	4	0	32	4	8
Recreio "B"	5	4	1	33	12	8
Recreio "A"	4	4	0	31	5	8
C. R. C.	4	3	1	35	10	6
Fire Brigade	4	3	1	18	18	6
St. John's	6	3	3	23	31	6
St. Andrew's "B"	4	2	2	15	21	4
Taikoo R.C.	6	2	4	19	35	4
V. R. C.	4	1	3	11	25	2
S. and S. Home	5	0	5	17	28	0
Elliot Hall "A"	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elliot Hall "B"	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kowloon Tong	5	0	5	10	35	0

MATCHES POSTPONED

The Taikoo Recreation Club
have postponed their Men's Dou-
bles Badminton encounters
against the Club de Recreio "A"
and the Fire Brigade Recreation
Club for to-night and to-morrow
night, respectively.

HOCKEY CLASSIC TO-DAY

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Bates will probably play at left-
half, while Tetley, who is shortly
leaving for home, has been drop-
ped.

Following his brilliant form in
the Civilian trials, S. A. Fowler is
a most likely selection for a
forward berth in place of Mac-
garry, who has not played in many
games this season.

The following are the probable
teams:
Royal Navy:—A. B. Owens (Med-
way); Lt. Comdr. Broome (Rainbow);
Lt. Comdr. Goss (Medway); Lt.
Comdr. "Bratt" (Duncan); Lt. Da-
vies (Captain) (Duncan) and Lt.
Comdr. McCoy (Medway); Lt. Laine
(Dorchester); Sub. Lt. Wraith (Pho-
enix); Sub. Lt. Battersby (Duncan);
Lt. Burch (Patrian) and Lt. Comdr.
Banks (Patrian).

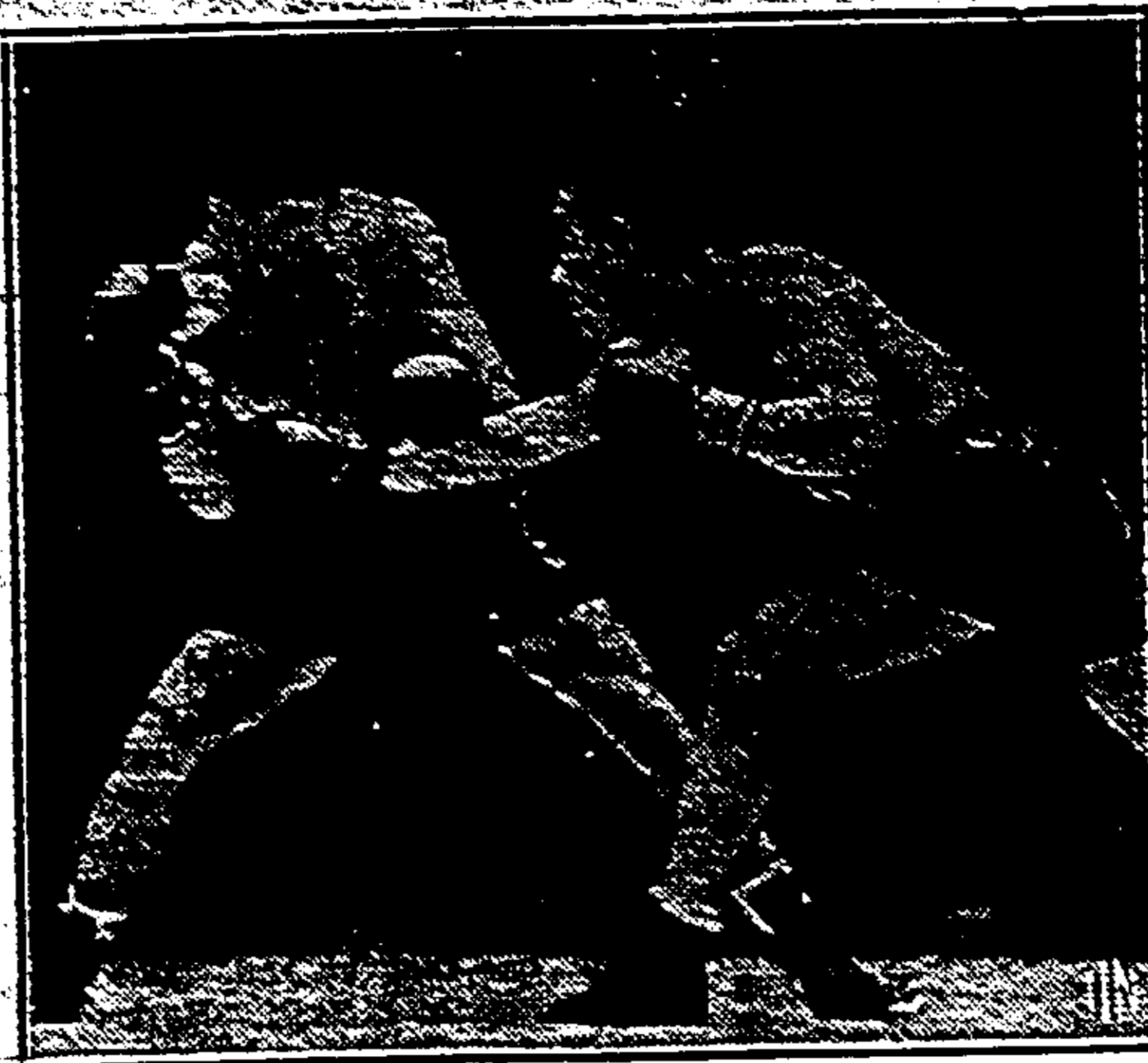
Club:—H. S. Shields; J. E. Potter
(Capt.) and G. Sommer; J. G. Cote-
sworth; W. A. Reed and R. A. Bates;
R. C. Woodhouse; S. A. Fowler; G. E.
R. Dwyer; D. Carey and D. L. Nooy.

ADRIAN QUISTS TRIUMPH

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dominated matches. But this son
of a State cricketer has enjoyed
surprising singles triumphs be-
fore.

A year ago he actually defeat-
ed Perry in Melbourne with the
loss of only two games in three
sets.



Sirio Escobar (right) missed this wicked right intended for
Lee Salica's chin in their New York title bout, but he landed so
many others that the decision was unanimous in his favour.

Sports Chatter

(By GEOFFREY SIMPSON)

LORD HAWKE'S commendable
effort to persuade the Aus-
tralians to play their coming
Test matches with South Africa
under the new law rule has failed,
it was revealed recently in
Sydney.

While the South Africans are
willing to make the experiment, as
they did last summer in England,
their Australian visitors are not.

Which will at once be construed
by opponents of the change as a
sign of Australian hostility to the
rule. Actually, it is nothing of the
kind.

It should be stressed that the
cable sent by the veteran York-
shire president to the Australian
Board was quite unofficial and that
some time before its receipt it had
been agreed that the old rule
should operate in the games with
South Africa.

TAKING NO RISKS

THE Australians, naturally,
wish to take no chances
against a team who only a few
months ago beat the might of
England in a Test rubber.

And as they have had no expe-
rience whatever of the new rule,
their intention of getting some
practice at it before trying it in
Test matches is understandable.
The rule was new to the South
Africans when they came here last
summer, but then they had a
long programme of matches and
had learned all the wrinkles by the
time the first Test arrived.

PEARCE CUP SENSATION

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Miss M. Westcott, the senior
left-winger has been brought into
the forward line, probably on the
left of Miss Adey, who will lead
the line with Miss O. Daziel on
the right, while Miss S. Daziel
will drop back to the pivot posi-
tion.

In the junior team, Miss J.
Weller will be the "goal-kicking
back" while Miss M. Gardiner
will move up to the centre-half
berth vacated by Miss P. McCaw.
Miss M. George has been brought
in as a wing-half in place of Miss
R. Ingram.

These changes have materially
weakened the two sides, and their
chances, particularly the senior
team of retaining the Pearce
trophy, are now not very good.

SAPPERS BEAT POLICE "A" IN MAMAK MATCH

The Royal Engineers secured a
meritorious win in the Mamak
Hockey tournament yesterday,
when they defeated the Police
"A" by the only goal of the match
at the Police Training School.

COMPENSATION FOR WALSH

A specialist, appointed by the
Football League, has confirmed the
view that Walsh, the Brentford
forward, formerly of the Arsenal,
is permanently unfit for football
owing to knee injury. Walsh is
thus assured of compensation.

THE BEST EVER

J. F. G. Lyaght's hitting
(against E. Destréme) in the
Covered Courts Championships
was the best I have ever seen any-
where.—S. K. Doust.

MYSTERY OF JACK PETERSON'S DISAPPEARANCE

WHEREABOUTS NOT KNOWN

"Pa" Speaks Of The "Silly Stories"

(By W. F. SANDERSON)

London, November 13.
Where is Jack Peterson, the
heavy-weight champion of Great
Britain, hiding?

On Monday he returned from
his honeymoon, spent on a cruise,
and last evening he was expected
at the Wembley arena, where
heavy-weight boxers from all
over the world were fighting.

When I saw "Pa" Peterson, the
boxer's father, who has always
done all the talking for this fight-
ing family, and asked him if Jack
was present, this was the reply
that will surprise all those who
know how close the champion and
his father have been:

"Up To Jack"

"I cannot tell you whether Jack
is coming or not. There is a
seat for him next to mine, but I
have not seen him or even heard
from him since his return. I am
told he is in London, but really I
know no more than that."

I suggested to Mr. Peterson
senior that it was time the mys-
tery of the Peterson family was
cleared up—"Pa" Peterson, of
course, has been manager to his
son.

"I agree with you," was his re-
ply, "that it is time the silly
stories were stopped. There is
nothing to clear up so far as I am
concerned, and it is up to Jack to
clear the air."

Peterson did not turn up—the
seat reserved for him was never
occupied.

PORT VALE IN DUMPS

Driven to desperate measures
by their disquieting position, Port
Vale made a daring experiment
at Leicester by playing an amate-
ur, Roy Burns, as their outside-
right, though he had never pre-
viously appeared in League foot-
ball.

He did not let them down. In
fact, later in the match when
moved to inside right owing to an
injury to Johnson, he was one of
the most successful members of
the attack. It was only on the
previous day that Port Vale signed
Burns from Wolverhampton
Wanderers, for whom he had played
as a reserve.

WRAGG'S LOSING RUN

ANOTHER unusual racing fea-
ture is Harry Wragg's long
run of losers. He has had 41
mounts since riding his last win-
ner on October 19, and with the
fast season fast coming to a close
he must be wondering whether he
will get his century.

Wragg has been on the 96 mark
too long for his peace of mind, yet
if you had backed all his 498
mounts for a level £1 stake you
would be £18 9s. 6d. to the good.

Now take a similar case. R.
Perryman has had 494 rides and
85 wins, yet he is over £135 on the
wrong side!

NEW WORLD CHAMPION

Miss Joyce Gardner (London)
reclaimed the women's professional
billiards title, beating Miss Leman
(Glasgow) in the final at Thur-
ston's by 3,000—2,872. During
the afternoon session Miss Leman
had world's record break for a
woman player of 153.

FIRST ROAD RELAY

History was made in women's
athletics when the Ilford Ladies'
A.C. organised a road relay race—
the first of its kind for women—
from their headquarters at Chig-
well Row. Teams of six competed,
each member running a lap of
about 1½ miles, the total distance
of the race being about 10½ miles.

TANNER FOR SLOUGH RUGBY CLUB

C. C. Tanner, former English
international, will play, when
available, for Slough Rugby Club.

LORD DERBY TO RACE

Own Racehorse And Colours For South Australia Centenary

London, November 21.
When South Australia next
year celebrates the centenary of
her settlement, she is anxious
that Lord Derby should take part
in the ceremonies. His fame on
the Turf induced the Premier of
the State, Mr. R. L. Butler, to ap-
proach him on his recent visit to
England.

Lord Derby, who has not been
in Australia since 1887, has not
yet given a decision as to his own
journey. But he has decided to
be represented by a racehorse of
his own breeding, to carry his
colours on the South Australian
Turf. He will shortly choose the
horse.

GADNEY AND CRAMER ONLY CERTAINTIES

(Continued from Page 1)

Obolensky, the fastest win-
ner in the game? I men-
tion, ask the question.

Full-backs are scarce, beyond a
doubt. There are useful ones
about—J. D. Ronald, for instance,
and R. J. Barr and R. O. Baillon—
but none of them goes obviously
and inevitably into the side.

Pack Problem Acute

With the forwards our problem
is still acute, though we should
be able to find a scrumming
pack. Front row: D. Kendrew,
E. Nicholson, and R. Longland.
Second row: P. Dunkley, and A.
Clarke, of Coventry. Third row:
L. S. Bailey, P. W. P. Brook, and
D. H. Swayne, if he is fit in time.
How would that do?

And as reserves, or first choice
even, there are such forwards as
J. Dick, E. A. Styles, A. G. Crid-
lan, R. Willsher of Bedford, D. T.
Kempt, J. K. Watkins, and plenty
of others. Outstanding front-row
forwards are scarce, perhaps, but
I think we may rely upon Messrs.
Daniell, Oakes, and Prentice to
find us a satisfactory pack.

One of my correspondents, in-
cidentally, writing from Corn-
wall, will tell me that actually
there are too many back-row for-
ward. He does not work, he is as
often as not offside, he is a nuisance,
and nothing more.

A familiar cry, and on general
grounds I sympathise with it. The
forward who lurks with intent,
who hangs about waiting to snap
up chances in the open, and does
no real scrumming—this for-
ward, in my opinion, is a pest and
better out of the game.

The intelligent back-row man,
however, who does his share of
shoving, has a definite part to
play in modern tactics, and with
him I have no quarrel.

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Winter Charity

No sooner do we get our overcoats out of cold storage than there comes an outbreak of flag-days, all no doubt for worthy objects, promoted by societies that are woefully underfunded for the work they undertake. We know that our money will be well used. But this year it is difficult to maintain the old rate of subscription, and all the societies report a falling off of revenue. We had an unusually long spell of not weather, and that means that we shall very likely have a severe turn of cold.

It is also the usual thing that we discuss how the distress could be relieved on an adequate scale, and come to the conclusion that a remedy is hard to find, or impossible. Sir William Peel took great interest in the question of overcrowding, and in the end admitted that he could not think of any solution. There is the Society for the Protection of Children, for instance, which saves many lives with a few dollars, and might save many more, to say nothing of building up better nourished and more healthy children who would be happier as well as more useful citizens. The St. John Ambulance Association saves an amount of pain and illness that is altogether out of proportion to its slender resources. The Street Sleepers' Mission is practically a necessity, for after a long spell of heat such cold as we have had these last few nights would be fatal.

Only familiarity makes us callous to these demands. It is a bad time to ask the Government for bigger grants, though we do think that more might be done to help the voluntary associations by the appointment of Inspectors, as has been done in the case of the *Mui Tsai*. Is it really just that other equally helpless people should be comparatively neglected merely because no questions are asked about them in Parliament, and no delegates of the League of Nations come round to make an inspection? After all, the *Mui Tsai* system was invented to save children from starvation and does actually serve that purpose. To judge from the reports, they are much less exposed to the worst rigours of hunger and cold than many hundreds of children that receive no official attention whatever.

This year the early crop of charity was reaped by sellers of roses for the Confucian schools. We should not have selected that object as the most urgent and needy. In fact we should not have thought it a fit cause for a flag-day at all. When flag-days became a nuisance in England they were brought under regulation to prevent undue multiplication and misapplication of funds. Is there any objection to adding this function to the already manifold duties of the police? It would not seem that application for a date and the issue of badges would be a very onerous thing to deal with. Nothing damps the stream of charity more quickly than a doubt about whether receipts are properly applied and accounted for. But the argument that there would be no end to applicants if all were helped seems to demand a more radical treatment. Our own suggestion, made several times before, is that in

EXPLANATION OF YESTERDAY'S CARTOON

A Tamed Porcupine

THOUGH the porcupine is a docile, peaceable little animal when left to go his own way, he is, by reason of his powerfully defensive quills, feared by man and beast alike, when stirred to battle. Only in very rare instances have zoologists been able to tame a porcupine to any degree, but A. Dean Lindsay, of Tampa, Florida and Hollidaysburg, Pa., has one that he has tamed and domesticated himself. He keeps it around his home at all times, and carries it with him wherever he goes.

The Narrowest Building

What Philadelphians believe to be the narrowest building is a tiny, thin structure located on the S. E. corner of 13th and South Penn Square. The architect had a plot of ground just 4 feet wide and 75 feet long to build on, and the finished building measures exactly 43 inches wide and 50 feet long, housing a small counter lunch and soft drink stand, capable of accommodating 20 people at a time. And tiny as it is, the building has its own heating plant and mechanical equipment.

WOMEN SUFFER MOST

Harder Times In Prison

Nashville: Despite more careful treatment, women, have a worse time in prison than men, according to the Warden of the Tennessee State Prison, Mr. A. W. Neely.

The reason is the lack of interest shown in them by their friends and relations "outside." "The woman prisoner has very little company," the Warden explained. "I can't recall a single occasion when a husband came to see his wife in prison. On the other hand, wives never seem to forget their husbands who are behind the walls. It is a common thing to have a woman, with tear-filled eyes, plead with me for her husband's release. But I never remember a husband showing that much interest in his unfortunate wife."—Reuter.

the peculiar circumstances of Hong Kong, with its floating population in such close touch with a swarming population, we should abandon the hard and fast line drawn between the citizen and the alien, and revive the old status of denizen, with clearly defined rights. This would involve a register of all those who were in lawful employment of a more or less permanent description, enrolment on which would be granted on the application of the employee or his employer. There would be no need to make the procedure too formal, but anyone not enrolled after residence of three or six months should be gently impelled towards his native village. This is not equivalent to a hard-hearted abandonment to neglect. The indigent person returned as not wanted has a claim on his own relatives and on his village that he has not as a stranger here. The advantage would be that we could then set out to raise the standard of life for those who remained. The will to help would not be chilled by the reflection that all we could do would only be pouring our efforts into a leaky bucket.

Some time in the distant future the whole problem of population will have to be tackled. The three countries where there is the greatest amount of want and consequent unrest are Germany, Italy, and Japan. They have the highest birth-rate, and their Governments take the most lively measures to encourage a still more rapid increase. The object is frankly avowed as the wish to increase the military strength of the country, and the military strength is required to conquer new territory for the surplus population to live in. It is a perfectly logical principle, that other countries have no obligation to provide for such surplus population.

Here There and Everywhere

MAUGHAM'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

After an interval of several years spent mainly in his Riviera home and in London, Mr. Somerset Maugham is off on his travels again.

He left Southampton recently for the United States. Thence he will go to some island—this time not in the South Seas, but in the West Indies.

Mr. Maugham has just finished a novel form of autobiography. In it he describes various aspects of his life and his attitude towards them then and now.

The book will be published shortly.

Your Daily Smile!

There is a widely shared belief among Italian people in the existence of a war chest. If the one in question is that of Il Duce, it has been thrown out.

A SAMPLE

A writer addressed a magazine editor with: "Now I'm positive you don't read them all. I submitted a story last week, and as a test, I pasted four pages together. When the story was returned, those pages still were pasted together." "Madam," he replied, "when I open an egg at breakfast, I don't eat it all to discover it's bad."

Pretty Name

"What a pretty name your maid has."

"Yes. Of course, it's not her real name. We call her Dawn because she's always breaking."

Shake!

"I'm sure I have met you somewhere."

"No doubt, I have been there often."

Smile Awhile

"What do you think of our candidates for Council?"

"Well, I'm glad only one can be elected."

IS THE AEROPLANE SUPREME?

SECOND CORONEL MAY VISIT ENGLAND

POPULATION ENTIRELY OPEN TO HORRIBLE AIR ATTACKS

(By Capt. Norman Macmillan)

IN our front-line trenches in France during the height of the shell shortage in 1915 we were battered mercilessly by German guns. We asked our artillery for counter-battery fire.

Do you know their answer in those days? They said they had already fired their meagre quota of shells for the day and could do nothing. Our torture by heavy shelling at the will of the enemy went on. Without possibility of retaliation, the flower of British youth risked their lives in payment for the crass stupidity of British unpreparedness.

Air war is artillery war. The bombing aeroplane is in effect a long-range gun. Territory lying within a range of 600 miles from the frontier of any country possessing military aeroplanes is front-line territory. If air war breaks out in Europe the total population of Great Britain will be in the front line and find themselves—as we soldiers found ourselves in 1915—battered mercilessly, unable to help themselves, and, as things now stand, without sufficient counter-battery bombing aeroplanes for retaliation.

Will Be Worse

The long-range artillery of the skies will shatter them as we were shattered. But it will be worse than it was with us. For those guns of 1915 could not cut our lines of communication; they could not cut off our food supplies; they were immobile. Mobile air artillery can cut off the food supplies of this country by attacks upon our docks and upon ships within our narrow seas.

Neither sea nor land forces could help the people of Great Britain. Naval operations cease at the land. Army operations cease at the sea. Air operations continue over both. The aeroplane can attack land, sea, and under-sea forces. Neither land nor sea forces can attack the aeroplane. Anti-aircraft gunnery is a form of static defence—not a form of defence by attack—for the gunners can only engage aeroplanes when aeroplanes themselves attack. Initiative lies with the aeroplane.

Ships' guns and land guns cannot search out the air bases of an enemy. Aeroplanes alone can attack aeroplanes and air bases. The aeroplane must be countered by the aeroplane. If our air fleet were inefficient in performance, if its air bases were so near our east coast that they were destroyed, if our bombers were too few in numbers and too short in range—what then?

Enemy Supreme

The aeroplanes of the enemy would be supreme. Neither our land nor our sea forces could attempt to counter-attack against the coastline of an enemy protected by mines, submarines, and bombing aircraft.

At Coronel the British ships were sunk because the German ships had greater gun range and speed. At Falkland the German ships were sunk because the position was reversed. Since the aeroplane is in effect a long-range gun, it can prevent surface ships from coming into engagement with one another, and decide naval action at a distance far beyond the range of any ship's gun.

Aeroplanes are not a screen to be thrown out in advance of ships, like destroyers. Aeroplanes are now the very guns of the ships themselves. Thus, sea strategy must be bent towards distributing the target-ships must be scattered instead of concentrated. The battle fleet with a heavy concentration of ships is rendered obsolete by the modern aeroplane. And the battle fleet that is scattered is no more a battle fleet.

Worse Flight

A fleet engaged by shore-based aircraft is in a still worse plight, for land aeroplanes are faster and have longer range and greater carrying capacity than those operating from ships. Aeroplanes designed to operate from ships are handicapped by the limitations of the ship. Even with aircraft carriers there is a limit to the size of the aeroplane that can be accommodated in the ship and flown from its deck.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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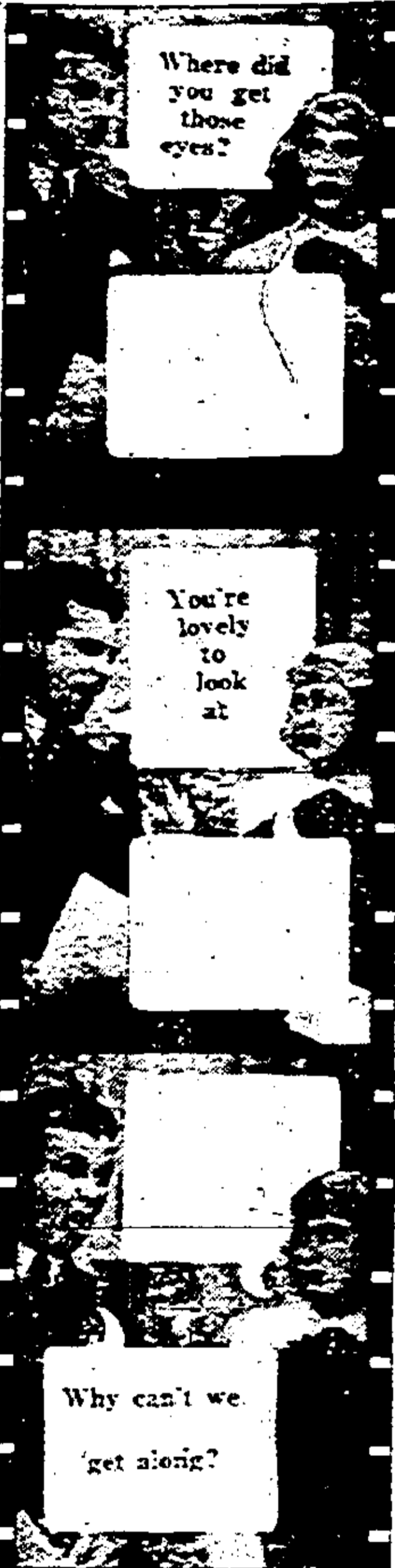
"SAY IT WITH SONG TITLES"

SECOND DAY'S STRIP

FREE SEATS AS PRIZES

To-day is the second day in the "song title" contest being run in conjunction with the screening during Christmas Week of the Warner Bros. picture "Broadway Gondolier".

Contestants are required to fill in the missing half of the conversations recorded on the accompanying strip with appropriate song titles. These strips will be published for three days more (one set having already been published yesterday); and at the end of the contest the five sets complete must be sent in to the China Mail offices not later than 12 noon on Monday next.



Two Dress Circle tickets will be awarded to the senders of the ten best lists in the opinion of the Competition Editor, whose decision is final.

LONDON EXPECTS BUSY CHRISTMAS

Best Season Since Depression

BUYERS ENCOURAGED BY ELECTION RESULT

London, November 27.

London's Christmas shopping season began in earnest yesterday. Only five weeks remain until Christmas, and more people than ever, it is expected, will take advantage of the annual appeal to "shop early".

The 1935 Christmas shopping campaign has been doubly affected by the General Election. Its start was delayed for a few days, but now that it has opened managers of leading department stores believe the season will be the busiest since the depression.

Not only the knowledge that the country is assured of a number of years' stable government is responsible; the recent remarkable improvements in industry are expected to have a marked effect upon the retail trade.

"We had striking proof to-day that many people were delaying purchasing Christmas gifts until they knew the result of the election," one sales-manager said yesterday. "Within an hour of our opening our doors this morning our special Christmas departments were full of customers, whereas last week business was comparatively quiet."

"A few years ago the public were less interested in Christmas, and the opening of special gift departments as soon as this would

To-day's Short Story

The Hampstead Murder

By Christopher Bush

LIFE is a curious thing. That has been said so many times and experienced so many more that it is trite enough to be boring. But surely its divergencies and its strange juxtapositions are not in themselves boring. Take from life its undoubted and verified coincidences, and where is the spirit of adventure?

Or again, trace to their first sources happenings that are momentous—at least to some people—and how trivial are the things that set them in motion. A man in Inverness lights his pipe with a paper spill and a man in Brighton breaks his leg—in consequence. Because of a bankruptcy in Cornwall a Yarmouth fishing smack goes down at sea. A man writes a letter to *The Times* and the result is the Hampstead Murder.

"A bit far-fetched, surely?" you say.

I don't know. Let's take a look at the last and then we may perhaps judge of the others. You may not recall the Hampstead Murder. There is no special reason why you should. It created no excitement whatever. A woman—a lady if you like—was found strangled in a drawing-room. The moose was round her neck and the affair could have been one of seconds only. It sounds rather horrible, but after all, as murders go, it was a clean and abrupt business.

Take, for instance, the room, smelling faintly of pot-pourri; charmingly furnished with a delightful period piece or two—some really excellent china; half a dozen water-colours that were friendly and yet possessed of an air; a carpet soft and seductive; chairs like the arms of Morpheus, and two superb Khorassan rugs.

Then there was the woman, in evening gown and shimmering intimacies; a couple of hundred pounds' worth of rings on her fingers, with a face like a surprised Madonna and hair like an aureole. There was no blood, no vulgarity, no signs of a struggle, but everything quiet and restrained; nothing, in short, but that deadly circle round the neck. Of course, later on there was the trial and the ultimate confinement during His Majesty's pleasure, but those things had to be.

From the charm of that detached house and its acre of tree-backed garden, it seems a long way to Porter-street, Mornington-crescent. There was a time, a very few years ago, when the Crescent had an air of grandeur, with the lift of its great trees and the old dignity of its houses. Porter-street still retained something of that charm even though its Georgian buildings had become flats and private offices.

In one of these on a certain morning late in May, Lutley Prentiss was sitting. He should have been working, but he was not. In front of his swivel seat were table and typewriter, and in the left-hand corner was a gas fire, turned very low. The room itself was small and decidedly cosy; one of a set of three which composed the tiny flat.

To the right a door led to the miniature kitchen, with its gas stove and dresser. In front was another door; probably that of the little sleeping room. If you had looked in you would have found it empty. But in the workroom itself the thing that caught one's eye was the tiered mass of books, scores of them, with multi-coloured backs that gave a note of gaiety. Without the display of any particular

not have been justified."

Hampers For Abroad

An early indication that this is to be a bumper Christmas has already been provided by the large number of gifts which Londoners have already ordered to be despatched to the Dominions. At a store which makes a speciality of hampers filled with seasonal provisions, it was stated yesterday that more parcels had been ordered for Australia in the last few weeks than for several years.

At the General Post Office, it was intimated that the Christmas post to Australia had been by far the heaviest ever recorded.

"We are making preparations for an exceptionally busy season," said an official, "and it is expected that we shall need the largest extra Christmas staff that we have ever had."

ular shrewdness you might have guessed that Lutley Prentiss was an author, and you would have been right.

The name was not a well-known one. He had, however, to his credit three novels, two having as theme the eternal triangle and the other concerned with those small coteries which are to be found in the Riviera. Of these novels the last had sold well, a matter of gratification to its author, but purely from pride of workmanship. Money is always useful, but another four or five hundred added to his own net fifteen would have made no enormous difference.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Two Letters," by John Talland.

The fast of the matter is he had drifted back into writing almost without knowing it and as much as anything to escape from boredom. The first two years after his marriage had been for him affairs of rather foolish routine; Switzerland for mid-winter, the Riviera for the spring, in the summer Hindhead, with golf and tennis, then Deauville or some fashionable English resort. Finally in the late autumn was town, which meant the club, theatres and the multitudinous rush from morning to night.

Dorothy Prentiss fitted in well with all this. At golf, for instance, whereas her husband was a poor sixteen, she could give a single handicap man a thundering good game and play off the men's tees at that. At tennis she was one of those unspectacular women who seem somehow to get them always over the net.

She played a rattling good hand at bridge; a bit aggressive, perhaps, but rarely a loser unless cards or partners were impossible; quite different from Lutley, a cautious bidder if ever there were one; good for what he said and perhaps a bit more, but never less.

His golf, too, was that of the light-hearted who would rather beat a man of his own standing than worry about figures. So with his tennis; no craft or guile but good lusty hitting and the score to look after itself. In some ways you might have thought them an ill-assorted couple; he, short and sturdy, with quiet, brown eyes, a certain shyness and the air of an intellectual; she, tall for a woman, all curves and divinity, grace and distinction and yet with every quality that makes a man's woman, with all their polite jargon, their careless sporting chatter, and with it all that certainty of judgment which knew when to retire and make a background.

At Cambridge he had read his story, and for no special reason, and until his marriage, had occasionally written things for the reviews. It had probably been the finest success of these that had induced him, when the groove in which he was beginning to find himself became more and more apparent, to attempt something bigger.

Dorothy he had met at the Fosters', with the eldest of whom, Mifiam, she had been at school. Six months before that she had lost her father—vicar of Purnfield Warren—and six months later she married Prentiss, a love match on his side if not on hers. Him one could see through; she was more inscrutable. Not only is it now the fashion to be unspouse-like but those eyes of hers were difficult to read.

A "Darling!" and a playful tap are no particular signs, especially when the other hand holds a foot-long holder for a cigarette. The comments at the time are, however, interesting. Her friends agreed that he had got a most attractive wife; her enemies that she had done uncommonly well for herself.

When Prentiss at first and almost surreptitiously returned to his writing, his wife seemed neither to mind nor to be interested. At the discovery of his activities it had been, "How frightfully clever of you, darling!" and then at intervals, "Oh, you poor dear, working so hard!" and "on the publication of his first novel, "Darling, it's too frightfully thrilling for anything!"

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Christmas GIFT SALE

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"JAEGER" Wool Dressing Gowns	27.50
"JAEGER" Wool Smoking-Jackets	25.00
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"DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT"Christmas Pantomime
At Y.M.C.A.OPENING PERFORMANCE
LAST NIGHT

The opening performance of the Christmas Pantomime, "Dick Whittington and his Cat," presented by the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club, took place last night at the Y.M.C.A. before a large and appreciative audience.

Andrew Steele and Noreen Cooper as the Principal Boy and Principal Girl are attractive members of an excellent cast and add greatly to the success of the show, while catchy songs and the introduction of local colour brighten the performance.

The star turn of the evening was William Simpson in the role of Mary Ann, who put it over in his own humorous way much to the delight of all present. His special song and dance number, "Nobody loves a fairy when she's forty" was the hit of the show and well deserved the continued applause.

The children on their appearance won the hearts of all present especially in the Little Boy Blue number, in which they all excelled. Really a good show well worth seeing, and don't forget to take the kiddies to the matinee.

The "book" of the show was written by S. A. Sweet, who has skillfully introduced much local "colour," and the production was supervised by W. Robertson.

The pantomime comprises four acts, "Highgate Hill," "On the Palace of Dootown or the Isle of Dreams," and "The Belfry," "Temple Bar, London" making the second scene of the last act.

V. Petherick is responsible for the admirable scenery and the lighting was in the capable hands of W. E. Orchard.

The Cast

Dick Whittington . . . Andrew Steele
Alice Fitzwarren . . . Noreen Cooper
Alderman Fitzwarren . . . W. Robertson

Mary Ann . . . Wm. Simpson
Idle Jack . . . Oscar Eager
Fairy Queen . . . Lilian Sharpham
Horace . . . D. K. Paul
The Cat . . . R. Selk
Sultan . . . D. Wilson
Captain . . . R. Wood
Mate . . . W. Forsyth
Sailor . . . W. Muir
Bosun . . . B. Bates
Grand Vizier . . . F. Anslow
Executioner . . . S. Tremlett
Policeman . . . T. Ingram
Guard . . . J. Lake
Guard . . . W. Chidlow

The Chorus

The chorus of Artisans, Sailors, Apprentices, Harem Ladies, Etc., were:—Alice Powell, Edna Offord, Nora Fuller, Edna Martin, Ruth Ingram, Marjorie Westcott, Peggy McCaw, Edie Thomson, Isobel Holland, Gwen Lakeman, Joan Lakeman, Bertha Kent and Valerie Bocker.

Children:—Winnie Ingram, Hazel Millington, Babs Jones, Joyce Hardie, Maureen Chester Woods, Betty Moy, Pauline Strange and Wendy Anslow.

Fairies:—Beatrice Champeaux, Tania Chorina, Eileen Sherriff, Dawn Digby, Pamela Crofton, Kitty Dedegdon, Patricia Pasco, Gill Stokes and Peggy Murray. (Of the Volkova School of Dancing).

Orchestra

The orchestra comprised the following:—Piano (Mrs. W. Sinclair); 1st Violin (Hubert Siedler); 2nd Violin (Barbara Brown); Saxophone (E. Huertas); Trumpet (A. Sarae); Drum (W. Iles).

Officials

Officials connected with the Pantomime include the following: Secretary (D. K. Paul); Seating Arrangements (A. J. C. Taylor); Behind the Scenes (V. Petherick); W. C. Bonn, E. Sweetman, E. W. Nicholas, F. Tindall; Make-up (Mrs. Lanchester, J. C. M. Greenham); Programme Ladies (T. Boker, M. Boker, R. Jordan, M. McCaw, B. Boryer).

The performance will be repeated to-morrow and Saturday nights and matinees will be given on Friday at 5.30 p.m. and on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.

M.P.'S REFUSE SALARIES

During last year six M.P.'s refused their Parliamentary salaries according to the Public Accounts Committee.



Edward Arnold, above, plays the title role in "Diamond Jim," to-day's attraction at the King's Theatre.

REVOLVER SHOOTING MATCHEmergency Unit Beat
Naval PicketTANSLEY AND RANSLEY BEST
RESPECTIVE SHOTS

A revolver shooting match with .32 calibre weapon was held on Sunday last at the Kennedy Road Range, between members of the Hong Kong Police Reserve Emergency Unit and the Naval Picket, and resulted in a win for the former by 197 points.

Five practices were fired, consisting of one application at 10 yards; one moving target at 15 yards; and a stationary target at 10 yards; six rounds to be fired in 5 seconds.

Scores were:—
Naval Picket Emergency Unit Reserve
Ransley 118 Murray 77
Lindsay 82 Simmons 113
Westgate 73 Tansley 123
Clifton 61 Tippet 112
Bull 40 Lely 35
Treherne 40 Frost 91
Total 414 Total 611

"INDIFFERENCE TO HUMAN VALUES"Death Rates In
U.S.A.

HIGHEST IN WORLD

New York: Death rates in the United States from both accidents and homicide are the highest in the civilised world, according to a report issued by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. In an average year, the report shows, there are approximately 100,000 deaths from accidents, 20,000 suicides and 12,000 homicides.

This homicide rate is 18 times that of England and Wales. The accident rate is approximately double the British rate.

"A rather general indifference to human values" is blamed by the report for the high mortality rate from violent deaths—Reuter.

THIEVES BETRAYED BY PAINTChicken Stealers
Sentenced

Omaha.—A tin of red paint was splashed by a strong wind over a flock of White Rock chickens here. Then the chickens were stolen and the red paint proved the undoing of the thieves.

Police, scouring the countryside after the theft was reported, found 165 of the marked fowl in a poultry house.

A man and his wife and three other men were arrested in connection with the theft. The husband and wife pleaded guilty, the former being sent to prison for five years and the latter receiving a five-year parole.

The others were held for trial.—Reuter.

"PHANTOM AVENGER" FIRES

The "Phantom Avenger," who has been responsible for five stack fires doing damage totalling £2,500 in England, was again active recently in County Durham. Shortly after midnight three stack fires were discovered in the village of Catchwate, three miles from Consett. Two messages written by the "phantom" were found.

MUNICIPALITY NEWS REPORTS FROM CANTONInner Harbour Near
CompletionREVENUE DECREASE OF
20 PER CENT.(From Our Own Correspondent)
Canton, To-day.

River steamers from Hong Kong will have to dock inside the Inner Harbour upon its completion in the immediate future, according to an announcement of the Canton Municipal Government. Construction of this harbour opposite Shamoon has been in progress since August, 1933.

Municipal revenues from June to November are officially stated to amount to about \$2,737,400. Figures for the corresponding period a year ago were not given, although it is understood that the present sums represent a decrease of 20 per cent.

The new electric power station at West Village will be completed by next June, according to the same source. The machinery was supplied by a local German firm.

"UNDER GRADUETTE" ARRESTEDWould Not Talk To
Strange Men

Los Angeles: A pretty undergraduate who would not talk to strange men has been rewarded with a film contract.

"Hello Day" at the University of California is an annual event, a day on which all the undergraduates, men and women, must greet each other with a smile and "Hello," whether they know each other or not.

This year there was one girl who remembered that she would only speak to men she'd been introduced to. She was Marilyn Miller, aged 18, and she was "arrested" and given a mock trial for not saying "Hello" on "Hello Day."

Her picture appeared in a local newspaper and the result was a film test. Now Miss Miller has a contract and a part in the Ruth Chatterton film "No More Yesterdays"—Reuter.

JIMMY WALKER'S DOGSuffering From Home
Sickness

New York: The entire New York police force is looking for a wire-haired terrier called "Tim Sullivan" who was born and brought in London.

"Tim" was purchased by Mr. Jimmy Walker, the former Mayor of New York, when he first arrived in England. He shared his master's exile in Dorset, Surrey, and then went with him to the United States.

But, in New York "Tim" pined for his native London. One morning he disappeared. He has not been seen since.

Mr. Walker, who knows all the pangs of exile, sympathises with his dog. He thinks he is probably on his way back to England.

The dog is described as having a reddish-brown coat and being "partial to women and very nervous"—Reuter.

AMERICAN ACTS ENGLISHMANOtto Kruger In British
Film

Hollywood (California).—For the first time in history, so far as Hollywood can remember, an American actor is coming to England to star in a British film—as an Englishman.

He is Otto Kruger, born in Toledo, Ohio, in 1885. "I believe that it shows that one more barrier between Hollywood and the British film industry has fallen," he said in an interview.

WESTERN IDEAS IN MONGOLIA

The modern ideas of the west have penetrated into the heart of the Mongolian political centre in Peking with the opening recently of a foreign-style hotel.

FIRE-FREE CRASHES A POSSIBILITYBelgian Engineer's
Invention

SUITED TO BIG MACHINES

Brussels. A new device to eliminate the danger of an aeroplane bursting into flames after crashing is undergoing satisfactory tests here.

Invented by the Belgian aircraft designer Renard, it enables the whole petrol tank of an aeroplane to be dropped off in the event of a crash or bad landing being unavoidable.

The ordinary valve used on many machines takes nearly two minutes to empty the tanks and then it frequently sprays the fuselage of the machine with petrol. The new device immediately drops the complete tanks from special holders, operated by a simple lever.

The invention is claimed to be particularly suited to big machines carrying their petrol tanks in the wings.—Reuter.

BRITISH AIR LINER WRECKEDAtalanta Crash In
Kenya Colony

Nairobi.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh was one of nine passengers in the Imperial Airways liner Atalanta, which was wrecked when it hit a tree in taking off at the Kisumu Aerodrome at 4 a.m. on Nov. 4. The pilot, Capt. P. C. Ginn, who was bruised, and First Officer D. W. Reid, who fractured his collar bone, were taken to hospital.

The passengers were only shaken. The Atalanta was being employed for relief purposes to make up some of the lost time on the south-bound service, originally due to Mediterranean storms. Lord Balfour of Burleigh was travelling in Africa on business.

The Atalanta is the first of a fleet of eight aeroplanes—which known as of the Atalanta class—which altogether have flown more than 2,000,000 miles. None of their passengers has been injured.

CARRY A GAS GUNAmple Protection
Afforded

Washington: Carry a tear-gas gun as protection against bandits—not a revolver! That is the advice of Mr. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, better known as the "G-Men."

"A tear-gas gun is just as effective in protecting a person against attack," Mr. Hoover declared at a press conference, "and believe me it's much safer for the average motorist or private citizen. A dose of tear-gas will incapacitate a criminal."

Fire-arms require a certain amount of technical skill in operation, whereas a gas gun can be used effectively with a little practice.

Mr. Hoover regretfully added, however, that he personally had no authority to grant permission to individuals to carry gas guns.—Reuter.

Alleged Utterance Of Forged Bank Notes

Wong Fook-to this morning pleaded not guilty to two counts of uttering a forged \$50 bank-note, purporting to be one issued by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and with the possession of seven other forged notes of similar denomination, when he appeared before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. E. E. Lindsell, at the Criminal Sessions in the Supreme Court.

The following jury were empanelled to try the case: G. B. Wicheil (Foreman), Chou Han-chang, Tommy, Chin Yee, V. A. Mowling, J. C. Y. Ribeiro, R. J. Tebbutt and T. O'Neill.

M. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney-General, who appeared for the Crown, in outlining the facts of the case stated that the accused went into a shop in Queen's Road Central and purchased a quantity of satin to make a suit. The cost of the material was \$11 and in payment of this he proffered a \$50 bank-note. One of the foks in the shop remarked that it did not appear to be a good one. The salesman were not satisfied with it and asked accused if he had any further money. In reply he indicated his breast pocket and showed them that it was empty. When they suggested that they should be allowed to look into his other breast pocket, however, he clasped his hands over it and refused permission. The salesman was taken to a money-changer, who declared that the note was a forgery. A Chinese detective arrived and searched accused, when seven other \$50 forged notes were discovered. The case was adjourned until Friday afternoon.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

With the assistance of Mrs. Douglas Orr, the Directress, the children of the Loloma Kindergarten yesterday afternoon gave a most successful entertainment at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

One case of diphtheria and one of cerebro-spinal fever were reported to the Health Authorities for the 24 hours ended on December 16.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia left Vancouver for this port on December 14, and is due here on the morning of Thursday, January 2, 1936. She will leave the same evening for Manila.

In the absence of Mr. J. Miller, who let for Shanghai this morning by the a.s. President Lincoln, Mrs. Miller will take charge of the betting and call-overs for future local race meetings.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan left Shanghai this afternoon and is due here on Friday morning. She leaves for Manila the same evening.

Among the passengers of the President Lincoln, which sailed for the North at 6 a.m. to-day, are Mr. Jack Miller, organiser of the Victoria Club, and Miss Betty Pestonji.

Only evidence of identity was taken at the first hearing, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, of the extradition proceedings against Yu Lap-fai, alias Li Chi-on, alias Li Shek-yu, aged 47, who is being sought by the Nanking Government on a charge of conspiracy to murder Mr. Wang Ching-wei, at Nanking. Mr. D. I. Strellet conducted the case for the Crown and Mr. P. H. Sin appeared for the defendant.

JACKAL SENDS 50 PEOPLE TO HOSPITALSavage Attack On
Village

EVENTUALLY KILLED

Madras.—Fifty people are receiving hospital treatment in Bellary for injuries inflicted by a jackal.

The jackal entered a neighbouring village at night and snapped at sleeping villagers. Thirty-five persons were bitten. Then the jackal vanished.

Next morning the animal appeared in the village again, and savagely attacked another 15 villagers as well as a number of cattle, dogs and fowls. Eventually a crowd of villagers surrounded the jackal and killed it.

All the victims of the animal have now arrived at the Government Hospital at Bellary for treatment against rabies.

COAL MINING RECORD

A new record for coal mining has been established by Mikhail Pavlov, a Soviet miner at the Angero Sudien coal mine, who has produced 991 tons of coal in a six-hour shift, using a pneumatic drill.

HOW COLDS ARE CAUGHTSurgeon On Risks
Of Hot BathsOVER-EXCITEMENT IN
CROWDED CINEMAS

Hot baths, sudden changes, and the close atmosphere and excitement in theatres and cinemas were recently described as frequent causes of colds by Mr. William Ibbotson, ear, nose, and throat surgeon. He was lecturing to members of the Institute of Hygiene, at Portland-place, W.

"If any of you desire a cold," he said, "sit in one of the upper reaches of a cinema house and have your emotions profoundly stirred by some intense drama, especially about love."

"There is something more than mere heat and crowding. The energy expended is probably much greater than is realised."

Mr. Ibbotson said that the extraordinary sudden changes to which people subjected themselves were one predisposing factor in the onset of colds. Added to this, many persons depleted their skins of natural resisting power by too frequent hot bathing. Some even bathed twice a day.

Strain On Resistance

"I cannot believe that such courses tend towards robust health," he said. "To emerge from a centrally-heated house, especially a luxuriously-appointed hotel, or from a hot, crowded theatre into a cold, wet atmosphere, is placing a strain upon the resistance."

The increase in the number of swimming-pools and baths had added to the cases of nose, throat and ear infection. There were always more such cases after the summer holidays.

Mr. Ibbotson said that many school children suffered from lack of power to concentrate, largely because of nasal obstruction. It was no uncommon experience for mothers to report that their children had gone up into the next class at school within a short time of treatment for removal of an obstruction in the nose.

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THE HAMPSTEAD MURDER

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Thereafter it might have been said by the unkind that her encouragement of his efforts was not unconnected with the material advantages which she from time to time obtained; here a piece of jewellery and there a special cheque.

But the spring months of this particular year had seen a definite locking against the pricks. Prentiss had definitely refused to take his work down to the Riviera. His wife had, however, kept to the accepted routine and had gone to Nice with a small circle of friends. But her husband had taken the tiny flat in Porter-street for his work and slept at the club.

A fortnight previously, she had returned and it had been decided that they should go down to Hind-head together.

Then two things happened. The day of her return her only sister had been taken seriously ill and Dorothy had gone down to Carn-ford. Moreover, the book was not finished. Another day or two would see it off to the publisher and in the meanwhile he remained at the flat. In the morning he was in the habit of putting in his best work. After lunch what he did depended on his mood, but more often than not he returned to his writing.

At the moment he was annoyed, and over what seemed a trivial thing. In his hand he held a copy of *The Times*, and it was at a certain letter that he was scowling. A policeman had written rather indignantly on the treatment of his profession by writers of detective novels. The police, he affirmed, were treated by them like buffoons, and authors rarely made the slightest attempt to familiarise themselves with the working of the Criminal Investigation Department.

It was not, however, the police and their methods that were worrying Prentiss, but the whole principle which the letter called in question. He himself had always been careful to use in his books only such local colour as he was familiar with and matters with which he had at least a working acquaintance.

But in this last novel he had made use of something of which he was not absolutely sure; a private detective agency. The chapter concerned was almost the last in the book and, anxious as he had been to get the whole thing over and done with, he had taken a good deal for granted. Such an agency would have, for instance, an office. Well, offices were much of a muchness, and its appearance could be guessed. And so with the imaginary head of the firm, the conversation, and all the things that go to make up colour.

Some people would have seen no connection between *The Times* letter and the chapter in question. They would have argued that in any case a private detective was very little likely to set eyes on the book and that the man in the street, provided the book held him, would not care the proverbial twopenny about the correctness of its colour.

But such a point of view was contrary to his own meticulous mind. He was, moreover, a thing

of impulses and strange obstinacies. At the moment there seemed to him to be nothing for it but to visit such an office and check up the chapter in the light of the new impressions. Hence, therefore, his annoyance.

Such a visit would be a frightful nuisance. There was, of course, the chance that his shrewd guesses had been reasonably correct and that the chapter would not have to be rewritten, but whether that were so or not, there would be the time wasted over the visit and that just when the book was virtually finished. To ignore the letter seemed to him to be mere carelessness. After that policeman had finished, heaven knew what people and professions would be writing to the Press about the complacent ignorance of authors. They might even set as far as names.

Dear Sir,
Is a novel by Lady Prentiss entitled "Tingling Symbols," I was very amused to find.....

At lunch he ran into George Foster and they had the meal together.

"Suppose you haven't seen anything of St. John Claire?" asked Prentiss. "I rather expected him to be in the club."

"Saw him about an hour ago," said George. "He's going down to Cheltenham to play for the Pilgrims to-morrow. They've got a two-day match against Peronne College."

"Two-day? They can't play on Sunday?"

"Oh, yes, they can," Peronne are Catholic and it doesn't matter a cuss to them."

Prentiss took a sip of his coffee and decided to ease his mind. "I rather wanted a tip or two from him. Bit of local colour for a book. His uncle's Chief Commissioner."

"Police information? Why don't you go straight round to Scotland Yard?"

"Well, you see—er—well, it's like this. It's not police routine I want; it's the methods of the private detective people; not the comic ones, the real thing. He was talking about it the other night in a rather well-informed way. I thought he might recommend me a chap to see."

"If that's all you want, young feller," laughed Foster, "you're damn lucky." He handed out a fistful of miscellaneous papers from his pocket and found a card. "Here's a frightfully good chap. Pal of mine—can't tell you his name—had him for a job of work. You go along and spin him a yarn."

Prentiss took the card and went along. He had no particular idea about what he was going to do. A peep into the office was one important thing; the general air of the place, how people spoke, a pen picture of the principal and his subordinates were others.

His taxi deposited him at the door of 173, Took-street, and on the second floor he found the notice he wanted.

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He knocked and the door was opened by a clerk.

"Can I see one of the principals, please?"

"Take a seat, please, sir. I think Mr. Holt is in. Have you a card, sir?"

Holt was in and Prentiss passed through the outer room into an office crammed with filing cabinets and books. There was the usual first-topped desk and swivel chair. Holt, a short, dapper-looking man, rose and held out his hand.

"What can we do for you, Mr. Prentiss?"

"Well, er....."
Holt smiled reassuringly. "Secrets are safe with us, sir. We handle affairs of the utmost delicacy, and whatever is mentioned in this room goes no farther. You can rely on us, Mr. Prentiss."

Prentiss thought rapidly. He couldn't very well say: "I'm writing a novel and I'm here to pick your brains." Then he thought of the exact context in his novel and wondered if it would be possible to fit it in. Still he hesitated.

"It was a fairly trivial matter

"Name, sir?"
"Lutley Prentiss."
Holt smiled tolerantly. "Not your name, sir. That of the person you require to be watched."

Prentiss smiled too, but not at the mistake he had made. Indeed, he almost laughed, so irresistibly comic was the idea that had come to him. But he kept a straight face.

"Oh, yes, of course. Mr. St. John Claire."
"Address?"

"3, Oudenarde Mansions, Kensington."
"And what exactly do you want, sir, and when?"

"Just a report in confidence by Monday of what he does from now until then. You can manage that?"

"Most decidedly, sir. Where do you wish the report delivered?"

"5b, Porter-street, Mornington-crescent. About noon, if you can manage it."

There it was left. Prentiss chuckled to himself as he went down the stairs. They'd have a bit of a job in picking up the trail in the first place and a damnably interesting piece of surveillance for the second. He walked back to the club and finding no sign of Johnny there, rang up Oudenarde Mansions.

Claire's man Daniels answered the phone. Mr. Prentiss was just a minute too late. Mr. Claire had left a moment or two ago by taxi. Yes, Daniels thought he had gone to Cheltenham; at least Mr. Claire hadn't mentioned any place, but he'd taken the big cricket bag and a suitcase.

That was rather trying. Prentiss was glad he'd hit on Claire. A less intimate friend of the family might have been somewhat ruffled when he was informed of what had been going on. What was the best thing to do now? Send a wire to Cheltenham perhaps. But first of all there were those impressions to jot down and that description of Holt. By the time he had got to the flat and finished his notes he had thought of another idea.

The wire to Cheltenham couldn't be very detailed or explicit. Far better type a letter with a carbon, one copy for town and the other for Peronne College. He'd be bound to get one of them even if the second one were a bit late. It would be a fearful rag, too. He hoped the Pilgrims wouldn't chivy the life out of that detective of Holt's when they spotted him.

Dear Johnny,
I expect you'll think me—the most egregious ass but I've done a most ridiculous thing and in your name. I was desperately in need of some local colour for an important chapter of my book—something dealing with private inquiry agents—and paid a visit to one of them. They rather had me up a gum tree by insisting on a job of work. George Foster had just told me that you were off to Cheltenham with the Pilgrims for a two-day match so I told them to keep an eye on you for this week-end! Perfectly appalling of me but I'll know you'll see the joke. I hope this letter catches you at

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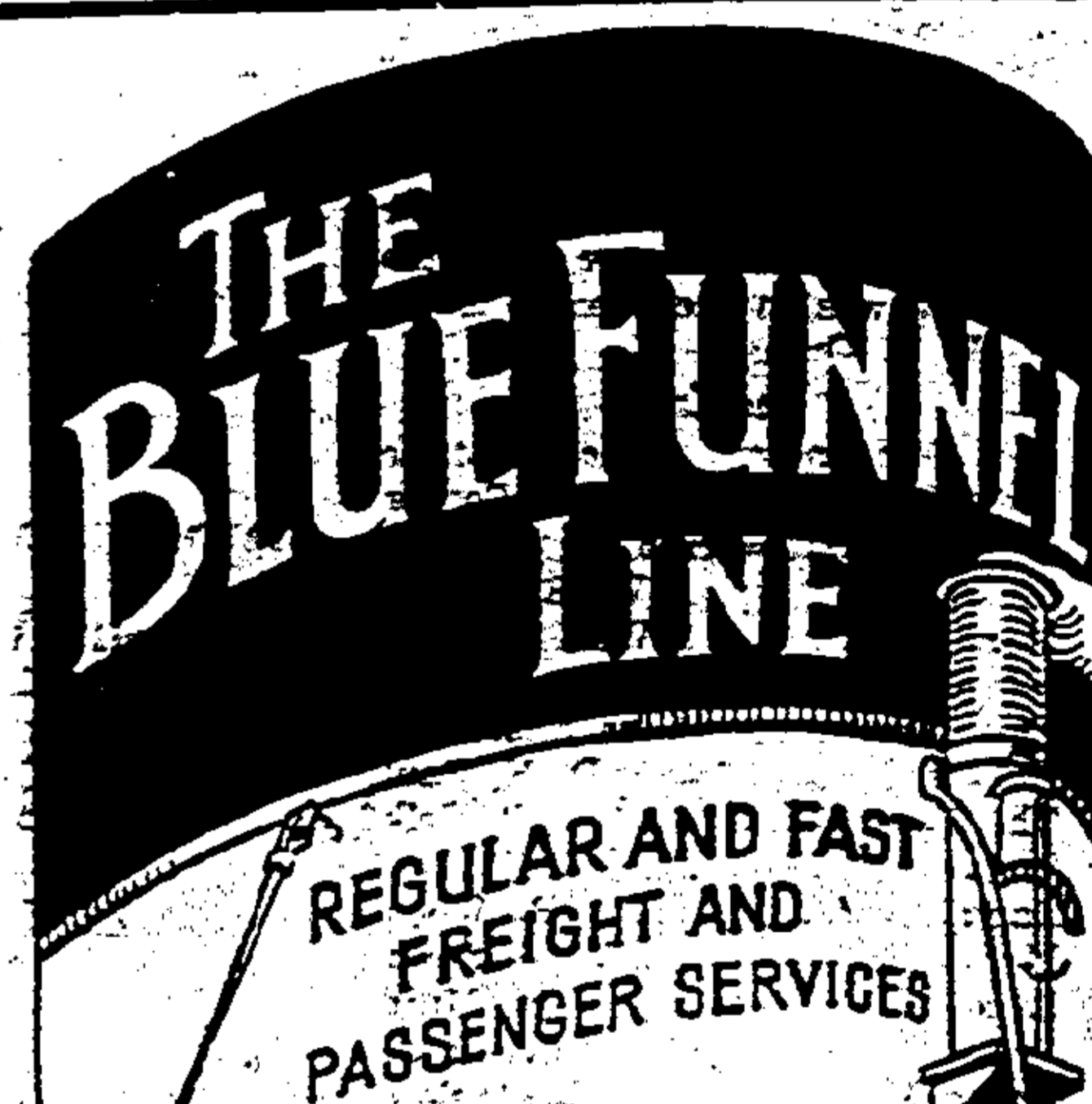
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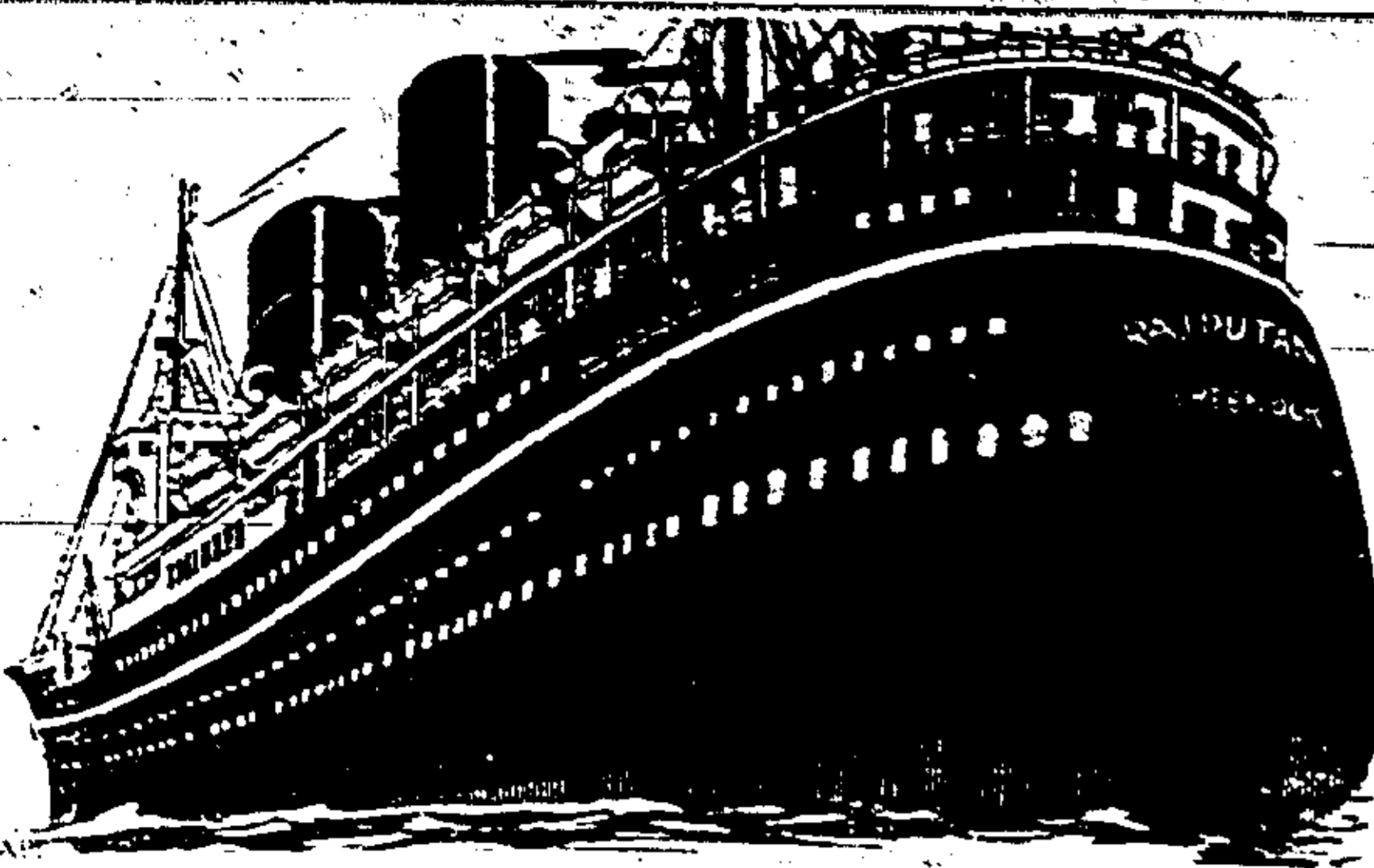
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THE HAMPSTEAD MURDER

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Cheltenham if so look out for the
slouch, but please don't lead him
too much of a dance.

Come and have dinner with us
on Monday. I expect Dorothy
will be back from Carnford.

Yours,
L. P.

The letters were sent off, one to
the Kensington flat and the other to
St. John's, Exeter.

c/o Pilgrims' Touring Side,
Peronne College,
Cheltenham.

That evening he worked later
than usual, redrafting the chapter
as far as the afternoon's interview
made necessary. The following
day he treated himself to a com-
pensatory holiday at Walton Heath.

The weather was gorgeous and a
couple of rounds, split by an ex-
cellent lunch, put him in great fet-
tle. Then back to the club for
dinner and bridge, and a day ended
which he had been rather dreading.

Things were apt to be a bit dull
with Dorothy away again and so
soon after her return. Rogers and
the Daimler down there too made
all the difference, and personally
he hated trains like the devil.

Somewhere about noon on the
Sunday he rang up Carnford Hall
and Phipps, the butler, answered.

"I'm sorry, sir, but Mrs. Prentis-
tisse isn't back from church yet.
She'll be in at any moment now,
sir. Yes, sir, the mistress is a
much better. The doctor is very
pleased with her. Are you there,
sir? Just hold on a minute, sir.

Will you? I think I hear Mrs.
Prentisse's voice in the garden."

In less than a minute Dorothy
Prentisse was on the phone.

"Hallo! That you, darling?
How sweet of you to give me such
a surprise!... Oh, simply worn
to a shadow, darling," and so on
for another five minutes with airy
nothingness that concerned us little.

As a matter of fact the only im-
portant thing was that she was
returning to town on the following
afternoon. She wished he had not
asked Johnny Claire and just when
she wanted him all to herself.

Lunt and the maids were back
already. Didn't he know that?
"But with all that work, you poor
darling..."

Sharp to time on the Monday
Holt arrived, and like a man who
has been given a job of work to do
and knows that he has done it well.

He produced a packet of closely
typed sheets. Prentisse glanced at
them as undramatically as possible,
looked impressed and then asked
how much. Holt handed over the
bill—thirteen pounds, fourteen
shillings. The other wrote out a
cheque and got a receipt. He pro-
mised, moreover, that any further



Jack Haley and Ann Sothern
are in "The Girl Friend," a
Columbia picture, which is com-
ing to the Alhambra Theatre next
Thursday.

business should undoubtedly be en-
trusted to the firm of Perring and
Holt.

A pretty expensive job that, he
thought. Nearly fourteen pounds
for the view of an office and a
stamped receipt! It rather looked
as if it would be Johnny who had
the final laugh. Then he opened
the packet and glanced at the type-
written sheets. Had the detective
chap been spotted or had he spent
the two days in a deck-chair in the
enclosure? Then the first words
caught his eye.

The party was picked up from
the address given at 3.15 p.m.,
and followed to Waterloo Station
where he took a train for Dor-
kington. Here he was met by a saloon
car driven by a lady. The car
proceeded to Justin Priars, six
miles away, passed right through
the village and stopped at a
large house standing in its own
grounds, called Priars House.

The couple put the car up in the
private garage and entered the
hall, going then straight to the
bedroom above where they re-
mained for about half an hour.

When they came down they had
tea in the drawing-room, facing
south. Just before twilight they
walked round the rose garden to-
gether and once or twice during
their stroll were observed to em-
brace passionately. There ap-
peared to be no servants in the
house.

That was enough for Prentisse.
He was horrified. Good God!
What would Claire think? What a
perfectly poisonous mess he'd got
himself into by doing such a damn
silly thing as to go to those agents.

But there might be a chance after
all. If Johnny wasn't back at
Kensington and by a miracle the
Cheltenham copy had gone wrong,
it wouldn't be too late. He grab-
bed his hat and sprinted down the
stairs. In two minutes he was

through to Oudenarde Mansions.

"Who's speaking, please?... Oh,
that you, Daniels? Mr. Claire in?
..... That's good. Listen care-
fully, Daniels. It's frightfully im-
portant. There was a letter from
me on Saturday morning or late
on the Friday night. You didn't
send it on to Cheltenham by any
chance?..... Good. Will you let
me have it at once? Just keep it
and I'll pop round for it in a
minute or two. If Mr. Claire
comes in don't mention it.....
What's that?..... Good God!.....
Oh, no; nothing serious. Just an-
noying; that's all. He didn't leave
the address?..... Thank you,
Daniels. Good-bye."

That hadn't torn things; it had
ripped them clean in half. The
first letter had been returned
from Cheltenham and when Claire
had come in about noon Daniels
had brought them both in. A
minute or two later the man had
received urgent orders to pack up
everything likely to be wanted for
a three months' tour in Egypt.
Claire himself had left the house
only a few minutes before and had
told his man that he would receive
later instructions where to pick
him up.

It was a worried Prentisse who
came back to Porter-street after
lunch. Why the devil had Claire
gone off like that and without even
a word? Surely he had sense
enough to know that his secrets
were safe. There wasn't a man
living who would be such an out-
sider as to go blabbing or even
hinting about that sort of thing.

He must have sat there a good
half-hour thinking things out.
How to get hold of Johnny to ex-
plain; that was the desperately
important thing. And why had he
gone to Egypt, and in the hot sea-
son, too? Then a brainwave.

Perhaps that infernal report would
give some hint of his whereabouts.
Once more he pulled out the sheets
and skimmed them rapidly. The
usual stuff; love of a kind in a
cottage of a kind. He must have
cut that match, too, for the report
covered all the Saturday.

On the Saturday night a lad-
der was placed against the window
of the bedroom which the couple
were occupying as soon as they
had put out the lights. The
following conversation was over-
heard:

"Darling, are you sure you can
trust Phipps?"

"Of course, you silly boy. He'd
do simply anything for me. Be-
sides, I shall be over to-morrow
in any case."

"And what about Rogers?"

The sound of kissing made the
answer inaudible and the voices
then became a murmur.

Something seemed to stand still
with Prentisse. His heart stopped
beating and then, ages after, raced
like a mad thing. In a mechanical
sort of way he seemed to be run-

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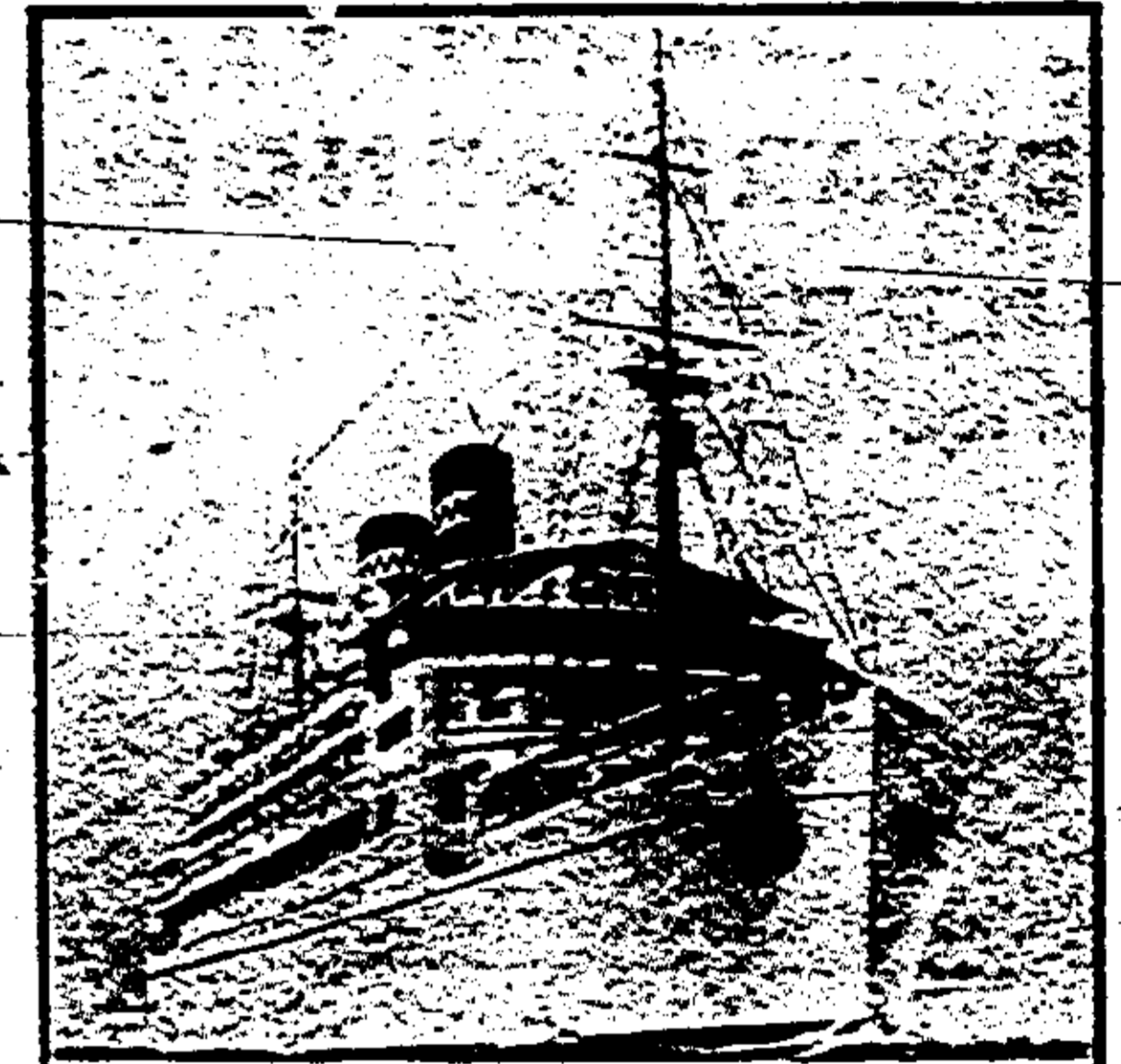
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ning his eye over the sheets and
not until the end did he pause as
if he were reading seriously.
Even then he looked like a man
who has had a long illness.

She did not accompany him
on to the platform but they kiss-
ed each other good-bye in the
waiting-room. The only words to
be heard were, "I shall blow you
a kiss behind his back the next
time he is there with us," to
which she replied, "Will you,
darling boy? But you mustn't
forget and call me baby names."
They both laughed at this.

It was not until half an hour
later that he left the flat. The
caretaker's wife whom he passed in
the passage said afterwards that
he looked straight through her in
such a way that she felt a wave
of fear pass over her and ever
since then she had been unable to
get from her mind the deadly in-
tensity of his expression.

Whether or not he was mad at
the time is a debatable point. How
different men will react to the
stress of different emotions is an
equally debatable. But that a man
of his fine nature, a man sensitive
and artistic to the soles of his
feet, should otherwise have done what
he did is incomprehensible.

At first his movements seemed
reasonably rational. He took the
Tube for Hampstead and made his
way to the house. There he put
the telephone out of order. He
took possession of a telegram and
a letter delivered by hand for his
wife, and gave Lunt, the house-
keeper, strict instructions not to
say anything about either of them.

He also declined the tea which she
wished to bring in. His manner,
she said, did not seem to her ab-
normal; he was as quietly com-
punctuous as he always was. A bit
serious perhaps, but nothing to
take notice of.

Then he went out again. At a
music shop he purchased two vi-
olin E strings, and asked the sales-
man to join them for him. When
he went he was not certain but he
knew that he spent some time

in a telephone box. At about 7.15
he re-entered the house, letting
himself in and going straight to
the drawing-room.

Five minutes later a woman
rushed shrieking into the road. A
policeman came up. Then two
maids came running out also, and
by this time other policemen had
arrived and the gathering crowd
was kept back. Inside the house
everything was deadly quiet.

In the drawing-room were two
people; one a woman, lying as if
asleep on a cushioned Chesterfield,
and the other a man, writing
feverishly at a Queen Anne bureau.

When the policeman spoke it seem-
ed as if he did not hear. When
the paper was taken from beneath
his hands he merely sat and stared
at the pigeonholes like a man who
wrestles with a problem.

"What do you make of this,
Jack?" said the policeman, passing
the paper to his colleague.

The other scowled and then look-
ed puzzled. And with reason, for
on it was written nothing but a
series of words in monotonous
sequence:

"To the Editor of The Times.
Dear Sir:

[THE END]

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